

Baptists Active In Nigerian Relief

RICHMOND (BP)—As the rehabilitation of thousands of uprooted Nigerians gains momentum following a 30-month-long civil war, Baptist relief ministries are proceeding under the supervision of Nigerian authorities.

The Nigeria Baptist Mission met in Ogbomoso in January and geared its relief strategy to supplement that of the Nigerian Red Cross, which is officially coordinating all relief in Nigeria.

Southern Baptist missionaries have distributed food for the Red Cross in one state of Nigeria and are cooperating in other states where large-scale relief is underway.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), based in Switzerland, withdrew from the Nigerian relief operation on Feb. 6 and offered its stocks of food and medicine to the Nigerian Red Cross.

Two problems which faced relief workers when the war ended Jan. 12 were the vast numbers of people in need of food and clothing and the mass movement of displaced persons returning to their homes.

"Relief needs are great, yet it appears that the majority of people are in better physical condition than we first feared," Edgar H. Burks, execu-

tive secretary of the Nigerian Baptist Mission, reported recently.

"The Nigerian army and the Red Cross find it hard to deal with these moving masses, but we are convinced that soon relief measures will be adequately organized," Burks added.

He said that relief money will be needed for several months, until people can grow and harvest crops.

Southern Baptist missionaries plan to set up a church-centered program of food distribution in the Port Harcourt and Enugu areas to correct the effects of malnutrition, according to C. Turner Hopkins, treasurer of the Mission.

This will require a supply of high-protein foods and food additives, Hopkins said. Also, since each person to be fed in the program must be closely supervised from one to three months, Nigerian Baptist pastors will be asked to help.

In the Port Harcourt area, Baptist churches and the area Baptist association are being reorganized, damaged church buildings are being repaired, the associational adviser is functioning again, and Bible schools are being held for Nigerian pastors.

Missionaries in and around Port

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Family Life Conference Set Monday In Jackson

"The Family Interpersonal Relationships" will be the theme of the Mississippi State Family Life Conference to begin Monday afternoon, Feb. 23, at the Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Jackson.

Out-of-state resource people serving on the program include Dr. Evelyn M. Duvall, Sarasota, Florida, prolific writer and widely-known authority on family life; Dr. Myron C. Madden, director, Department of Pastoral Care, Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans; Dr. John Christian Howell, professor of Christian ethics, Midwestern Baptist Seminary, Kansas City; and Dr. Byron A. Clendinning, Jr., supervisor, Family Ministry Section, Church Training Department, Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Dr. Duvall will bring the keynote address for the conference on Monday at 2:00 p. m. She will address the participants at 7:00 p. m. Monday and at 9:00 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. on Tuesday.

She will conduct special conferences for adults at 8:00 p. m. Monday and 7:00 p. m. Tuesday.

Dr. Madden will bring special addresses on Monday at 3:00 p. m. and Tuesday at 9:30 a. m. and will conduct four special conferences for pastors on "Counseling About Family Problems" Monday, 3:45 p. m. and 7:00 p. m. and Tuesday, 6:00 p. m. and 8:15 p. m.

Dr. Howell will give two addresses on sex education, one on the role of the church and the other on parental responsibility. Dr. Howell is author of the Broadman Press book, "Sex Education — Toward A Christian Approach." He will give the concluding address of the conference on Thursday morning on the subject, "Christian Witnessing Through the Home."

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will bring the closing inspirational address at the Wednesday night session. The Ridgecrest Baptist Church Choir under the direction of Tom Moak, ministr of music, will sing.

Age group conferences will be featured Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights. In addition to the pastors

and adults, there will be conferences for college and career young people led by Rev. David Hicks, director, Baptist Student Union, University of Mississippi; for senior high young people led by Rev. Bill Nimmons, associate pastor, First Baptist, Starkville; for junior high age led by Rev. Macklyn Hubbell, pastor, First Baptist, Cleveland; and for the junior age group there will be special films on the home.

Local Baptist churches, arranging for large delegations for these night sessions, are asked to make provisions in their own church for the children below the Junior Department so as not to over-tax the Ridgecrest church facilities.

The Tuesday morning sessions will feature an emphasis by Drs. Duvall and Madden on the role of men and women in the home and a discussion by Dr. Clendinning on "The Church in a Total Family Ministry."

Senior Citizen Emphasis

Wednesday morning's session will

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Executives, Editors In Annual Meeting

SAN ANTONIO, Feb. 11 — The Association of Executive Secretaries for Baptist State Conventions and the Southern Baptist Association have just concluded their annual meetings here.

The secretaries group is comprised of executive secretaries from state conventions, cooperating with the Southern Baptist Convention.

The editors organization is made up of editors of Southern Baptist state papers, editors of some SBC agency general publications, and members of the staff of the SBC news agency, Baptist Press.

While the meetings of the two groups are held simultaneously and almost always in the same city, they are entirely separate meetings, except for one joint session, which usually is a banquet opening the sessions.

One of the major issues to come before the executive secretaries meeting was the financial plight of the Kansas Baptist Convention, caused by problems arising from underwriting bonded indebtedness of churches.

After a report was given on progress which is being made in the matter, a committee was appointed to study means of giving aid to this convention.

Major program theme before the editors was a study of the problems facing the Southern Baptist Convention in the 70's, led by a panel of two professors from Southwestern Seminary, Dr. William T. Pinson, and Dr. Clyde Fant.

Reports of both of these matters are given at the close of this story.

The editors group also adopted three resolutions. One of them dealt with freedom of the press. The second urged continued support of the public schools, called attention to the problems involved in operating private parochial schools by the churches, and asked for equal opportunity for all people. The third resolution simply expressed appreciation for the hospitality of the Texas hosts.

Other speakers who appeared on the editors meeting program included

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SBC Encyclopedia Editorial Committee Meets

EDITORS EXAMINE ENCYCLOPEDIA COPY — Davis C. Woolley (standing), managing editor of the Southern Baptist Encyclopedia, Volume III, shows the members of the Encyclopedia editorial committee how high the stack of manuscripts will be when all the copy for the 500-page volume is turned in. The first batch of copy

was submitted to the publisher, Broadman Press, only recently. The volume will cover Baptist history since 1956, and will supplement the previous two volumes which cover prior history. Dr. R. A. McLemore, member from Mississippi, is seen seated fifth from left.—BP PHOTO—(Story on page three)

Denver SBC Sessions To See New Program Concept

DENVER (BP)—The Southern Baptist Convention, meeting here June 1-4 for its 125th anniversary celebration, will feature a program with a totally new concept.

The convention will open on Monday evening, rather than the traditional Tuesday evening; and will conclude on Thursday at noon, rather than the usual Friday evening closing. Sessions will be in Curran Hall of Denver's Convention Center.

Instead of the usual nine convention sessions, there will only be seven sessions in 1970, and agency reports which formerly took the bulk of time

during the convention will be presented in printed form during a ten minute segment on Tuesday afternoon. Time for transaction of business, however, will increase from 2 1/2 hours to 3 1/2 hours.

Visual presentations will be mixed with preaching to provide high hours of inspiration, said Robert S. Scales, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, and chairman of the committee on order of business, which prepared the program.

Scales said the changes were made possible through two actions of the 1969 convention in New Orleans, which voted to set aside the rules of procedures, and to request the committee to provide as much time as possible for business in the 1970 sessions.

Theme for the convention will be, "Living The Christ Life." Sessions will be at Denver's new Convention Center.

The convention will open Monday evening with a program featuring a visual presentation on the first 125 years of convention history. Also included is the annual president's message by W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, and concluding his second year as president of the 11.4 million member body.

The convention will close at noon on Thursday with an address by Southern Baptist Evangelist Billy Graham, in a special program on facing up to the challenges of today and the future, Scales said.

Worship will highlight the Tuesday night session when the annual sermon will be preached by Grady C. Cothen, president of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla.

The program will take on an international flavor with the appearance of Sir Cyril Black, a member of the United Kingdom Baptist Union, who will speak on Tuesday morning.

A world missions emphasis on Wednesday night will involve the combined efforts of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, the Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood, as they depict the world wide task of the churches. In previous conventions, each of the agencies has been allotted separate time.

Representatives of the six Southern Baptist theological seminaries will lead brief worship periods throughout the convention. The seminaries will also present a program on the contribution of their institutions to the local churches, Scales said.

There will also be an emphasis on Tuesday morning projecting the pro-

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SBC Membership Is 11,489,613; Organizations Report Decreases

NASHVILLE (BP) — Church membership in the Southern Baptist Convention increased to 11,489,613 during 1969, the denomination's research and statistics department reported here in a presentation before the SBC Executive Committee.

Although total church membership increased 157,384 over the 1968 membership totals, decreases were reported in Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood (laymen's group), and Woman's Missionary Union organization enrollments, and in the number of baptisms.

The statistics were based on reports from 34,335 churches affiliated with

the nation's largest Protestant denomination. The number of churches was up 40 from the number reported last year.

The increase in number of churches was 108 less than the increase in 1968. Small decreases in numbers of churches in open country and village areas were more than offset by additional churches located in towns and cities.

The number of baptisms (conversions) reported by SBC churches was 368,225, down 4,800 from the 1968 figure. The peak year for baptisms was 1959, when 429,063 were reported, Martin Bradley, secretary, research and statistics department said.

Decreases were reported in enrollments of Sunday School, Brotherhood, and Woman's Missionary Union organizations. Music ministry enrollment increased for the fourth consecutive year.

Sunday School enrollment dropped by 127,446 to a new total of 7,418,067. This represents the fifth consecutive annual decrease after 22 years of steady increase. The all-time high in 1964 was 7,671,165.

The Brotherhood (men and boys' missions organizations) had an enrollment of 430,339, a decrease of 18,399. Total Training Union ongoing and

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Billy Graham Crusade Set In New York City

NEW YORK (RNS)—Evangelist Billy Graham announced here that he will return to New York for a five-day crusade June 24-28.

Mr. Graham held a 10-day crusade in June 1969 at the 20,000-seat Madison Square Garden. This year's crusade will be held at the 60,000-seat Shea Stadium, home of the New York Mets and Jets. As during last year's crusade, the services will be televised nationwide.

The emphasis of this year's crusade will be on students, Mr. Graham said. He added that in his crusades over the past year many young people have found a solution to their drug addiction through "an experience with Christ."

Mr. Graham said that he sent a letter to a cross-section of New York ministers asking their reaction to the possibility of having another crusade. About 150 replied affirmatively and only one negatively, he reported.

The New York office was set up to prepare for the 1969 crusade has been kept open, and a three-man staff there is currently preparing for what is being called "the second phase."

Fred Esty, chairman of the United States Banknote Corporation, is serving as chairman of the crusade board of directors.

Other prominent businessmen of the 15-member committee include George Champton, chairman of the Chase Manhattan Bank; Maxey Jarnan, chairman of Genesco, Inc.; and Dr. Elmer Engstrom, chairman of the RCA executive committee and chairman of the board for last year's crusade.

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W. A. Criswell And Daughter Make Month-Long Tour Of African Mission Fields

W. A. CRISWELL, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, emphasized a point during a talk with Ghebre Hailwot (wearing glasses) and Abera Ghebregiorghis in Addis Abeba, Ethiopia. Hailwot is legal adviser to the daughter of Emperor Haile Selassie. Dr. Criswell is visiting Baptist missionaries, national Baptist leaders and government officials in seven African countries on his present month-long tour.

DR. CRISWELL is being accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Jackson, and they were photographed in Addis Abeba, Ethiopia, on the first leg of their tour. Dr. Criswell is speaking and Mrs. Jackson, an accomplished and well known musician, is singing in various meetings in several African countries including Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Rhodesia, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia.

DR. CRISWELL (right), and John R. Cheyne, Southern Baptist missionary to Ethiopia, were photographed just before taking off from Addis Abeba to visit missionaries in two rural areas of Ethiopia. Criswell's jacket identifies the church of which he is pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex. He later transferred to a jeep for the journey.

(Photos by Garland M. Threlkeld)

15,000 Hear Billy Graham As Ministry Agency Is Launched

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP) — An overflow crowd of more than 15,000 persons turned out to hear Evangelist Billy Graham speak during the inauguration of the Agency for Christian Cooperative Ministry, but Graham had little to say about the new ecumenical organization.

Instead, Graham preached an evangelistic sermon and gave an invitation to which an estimated 600 to 800 persons responded.

Only at one point in his message did Graham refer to the new interdenominational approach being used by the agency being launched at the rally here.

Graham said he thought it was good "for us to come together once in a while and learn something about each other."

"The strangest thing is that as I look over this audience I can't tell the difference between a Catholic and a

Protestant or a Baptist and a Presbyterian," Graham said.

The new agency, which stresses cooperation to meet spiritual, human and social needs, but not organic union, has attracted members from a cross section of denominations ranging from Roman Catholic to Nazarene and Southern Baptists.

President of the executive board for the agency is Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

In an interview, Hobbs said that so far, four Southern Baptist churches and the pastor of one other church have joined the organization. The pastor joined as an individual, which is possible under the structure of the new agency.

Hobbs added that several other Baptist churches are interested in the organization and may join at a later date.

A lot of churches, Baptist and otherwise, are standing back waiting to see if this program will work," Hobbs said. He admitted that the organization has yet to prove itself, but when it does, "I think this will become a pattern for other cities across the nation."

During the rally, Kenneth L. Forshoe, minister of Holland Hills Christian Church here, read a statement to the crowd concerning the organization, saying it was not a warmed-over version of the old Council of Churches, but is an entirely new structure for the seventies "through which the churches can proclaim the Gospel, honor the Lord Jesus Christ, and meet the needs of their neighbors in Metropolitan Oklahoma City."

Persons representing eight denominations had part on the program at the rally. An 1,100 voice choir, mostly from Baptist and Methodist churches, sang. Dignitaries from the city and surrounding communities, including several mayors and judges, were introduced. Tulsa Evangelist Oral Roberts was among those introduced.

Warning the crowd to keep their eyes on the Middle East, Graham said that the war in Vietnam is only a side show compared to what is building up in the Middle East.

He then detailed five things which never change—the nature of God himself, the word of God, the moral law of God, man's sinful human nature, and the way of personal redemption and salvation.

The crowd burst into applause when Graham said the nation needs to clean up the trend in drugs and pornography, and that it needs to start in the Supreme Court.

The response to Graham's invitation was so great that the supply of literature was exhausted and the 150 counselors on hand to talk with those making decisions were too few. In addition to an estimated 600 to 800 persons making decisions in the main auditorium, about 50 persons listening to the service in an overflow auditorium also responded. Agency officials said they were not prepared for the large numbers responding.

The four Southern Baptist churches listed by Hobbs as having joined the organization were Council Road Baptist Church, Bethany Baptist Church, Capitol Immanuel Baptist Church, and First Baptist Church, all in Oklahoma City. The pastor of Nichols Hill Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Charles Graves, has joined as an individual.

SBC Membership —

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cumulative enrollment totalled 2,648,388, dropping by 76,709 from the 1968 figure. Reported growth in leader training and member training projects partially offset a sizable loss in the ongoing (mostly Sunday evening only) sector of church training activity.

Music ministry enrollment continued to increase, reaching a new high of 1,062,494. In addition to those in choirs for various age groups, the following are included in the enrollment: 33,063 vocal ensembles; 3,023 band and orchestra; 4,994 instrument ensembles, and 6,550 handbell groups.

Giving by Southern Baptists continued upward. Total receipts from tithes, offerings, and special gifts amounted to \$842,707,390, an increase of \$47,759,639 over the 1968 total.

Contributions to missions increased \$5,200,604 for a total of \$133,224,335. Tithes, offerings and special gifts averaged \$70.46, including \$11.00 in mission gifts.

Churches reported spending \$132,016,435 on their own construction and another \$3,492,962 on construction of local church-sponsored mission facilities.

Debt reported by churches rose to a new high of \$870,271,234, an increase of \$24.7 million.

Churches ordained 2,080 and licensed 3,636 persons for the gospel ministry. The level of ordinations and licensings has remained stable during the past few years, Bradley reported.

SERVICEMAN CONTRIBUTES TO SBC IN LIEU OF A SPEED FINE

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here recently received a \$30 money order from a serviceman in Vietnam, but did not know where to credit the payment.

So, they wrote to the serviceman and ask how the money was to be used. He replied:

"I got caught speeding and the Commanding Officer gave me a choice of paying \$30 to a worthwhile association, or he would give me an Article 15 (which is bad) and a \$50 fine."

"Please use the money as you see fit," he wrote. "I am a daily reader of Open Windows (the board's daily devotion guide). My wife and I are both Baptist and enjoy the book very much."

The Sunday School Board sent the money order to the SBC Executive Committee as a contribution to the Cooperative Program, the unified budget which provides funds for Southern Baptists' world-wide programs.



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Executives, Editors Meet In Texas

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Dr. E. S. James, Editor Emeritus of the Texas Baptist Standard.

Presiding at the executive secretaries meeting was Ray Roberts of the Ohio Convention, and at the editors meeting, was R. Gene Fant, editor of The Maryland Baptist.

Hosts for the meeting were T. A. Patterson, Executive Secretary of the Texas Baptist Convention, and John J. Hurt, editor of The Baptist Standard.

New officers for the secretaries will be Harold Sanders, Kentucky, president; John Baker, Northern Plains Convention, vice-president; and James Smith, Illinois, secretary-treasurer.

Elected officers for the editors were J. Marse Grant, North Carolina, president; Joe Odle, Mississippi, president-elect; and Alvin C. Shackelford, Indiana, secretary-treasurer.

The 1971 meetings of the associations will be held in Florida.

SAN ANTONIO (BP)—Two professors from Southwestern Baptist Seminary predicted here increased polarization within the Southern Baptist Convention during the decade of the 1970's.

William H. Pinson and Clyde Fant, both of the Fort Worth-based seminary, made the prediction in an examination of the issues within the denomination for the seventies during a meeting of the Southern Baptist Press Association here.

Pinson told the editors that they could expect more polarization between youth and their elders, and between denominational leaders and the people in the pews during the next decade.

Fant questioned whether in the next decade Baptists would develop a climate of freedom and openness permitting dialogue and discussion necessary to share differing opinions without

shouting at one another and attacking the character of someone who differs.

One of the key issues, predicted Pinson, is the question of what is a Baptist. "Are we going to draw up a catechism, a set of articles of faith and demand adherence to it?" he questioned.

He pointed out that historically, Baptists have always been unwilling to do this, and he defined a Baptist generally as "someone who belongs to an institution that contributes to the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program and mission effort."

Historically, there has been no consistency on doctrine, practice, and belief among Baptists, Pinson said. He added, however, that several doctrinal and theological positions uniquely characterize Baptists.

Pinson quipped that he does not believe Southern Baptists would ever join the National Council of Churches of Christ because he didn't believe it would be helpful to "jump on a dead horse—it won't go very fast."

He observed there is a "growing concern" that the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention are "getting top heavy" and have grown too fast in comparison with the rest of the denomination.

There is a "gathering storm in the churches" because of the gap between the professional leadership in the denomination and the people in the pews, Pinson said. While those in executive positions generally are highly educated and cosmopolitan, the reverse is true of the majority of the members, he said.

Pinson observed there is still conflict within the SBC over the relationship between evangelism and social action, even though Baptists now glibly say, "it is not either-or; it is both-and." That has become a cliché, he added.

He added in a later speech, how-

ever, that he doubts a major controversy will arise on this issue because "Baptists have always mirrored society" and "society has now become social-action oriented."

Southern Baptists have no theology of social change, however, and have been slow to accept the idea that social change cannot come without retreating of the Missouri Baptist Convention, changing social structures that oppress people, he said.

As an example, Pinson said Christians can only deal with the problem of pollution through corporate action, not individual influence.

Secretaries Hear Report

The state convention executives, meeting simultaneously with the Southern Baptist Press Association, heard a report from a committee appointed to seek ways to come to the financial aid of the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists.

Earl O. Harding, executive secretary of the Missouri Baptist Convention and chairman of a committee of state convention executives appointed to deal with the matter, reported he has written commitments thus far from 12 state conventions to give \$445,800 over a five-year period. Harding told the secretaries that nearly a dozen other convention executives have told him they plan to take proposals to appropriate committees or boards.

The Kansas Convention, faced with an indebtedness of \$1.6 million in its church loan and bond operation, recently successfully completed a \$500,000 fund campaign in the state, with pledges totalling \$623,540.

The amount raised within the state, plus a \$1,500 weekly allocation through the Cooperative Program budget in Kansas, and the \$445,800 pledged by the other state conventions, would clear Kansas of its indebtedness, Harding said.

Russian Baptist Cites Evangelism Upsurge

RICHMOND (BP) — A Russian Baptist leader reported an upsurge of evangelical Christianity in his country when he spoke at the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board headquarters here.

To support his claim, Sergei Timchenko, first vice-president of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians — Baptists, cited the 13,000 Baptisms recorded by the All-Union Council during the past three years.

Timchenko, also a pastor of Moscow Baptist Church, pointed out that his church alone baptized 182 persons in 1969.

Timchenko first spoke to an audience in the chapel of the Foreign Mission Board. He later answered questions in an interview.

In Moscow there are 13 newly registered Baptist congregations, each with 2,000 to 3,000 members, but only the main church were Timchenko serves has its own building, he said.

Government permission can be obtained for Christians to meet in private homes when they do not rent or build places for worship, Timchenko said. Holidays offer many occasions for Christians to gather informally in their homes for worship, he added.

Pastor Timchenko said that Russian Baptists emphasize religious training in the home for their children, many of whom participate in the Young Pioneers and Komsomol (Communist Youth organizations). His own six children, for example, were members of the state youth groups and all but one are church members.

Although there are no Baptist schools in the U. S. S. R., Timchenko said that many young men are studying theology through a two-year Baptist-sponsored correspondence course. Only those who have completed their secondary education are able

to enroll in the course of instruction, he added.

Timchenko also discussed the position of dissidents within the Russian Baptist movement. Some Baptists left the All-Union Council to form what they called the Council of Churches because they objected to a Soviet law requiring congregations to register with the government.

Some dissidents were welcomed back into the All-Union Council during the 40th Congress of Russian Baptists held recently in Moscow.

Traveling with Timchenko were Ilya Orlov and Mrs. Klaudia Pillipuk, who have responsibilities in foreign relations for the All-Union Council. Both are members of the Moscow church.

Adolf Klauipiks, former relief coordinator for the Baptist World Alliance (BWA), interpreted for Timchenko, who spoke in Russian. The group is traveling under the auspices of the BWA. They will go to Washington, D. C., Philadelphia, and Chicago, also.



FMB and Russian Baptist Leaders Talk Shop: Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, and Sergei Timchenko (facing camera), Russian Baptist executive, discuss missions during a visit of Russian Baptists at FMB headquarters in Richmond, Va. Timchenko is first vice-president of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians—Baptists and a co-pastor at Moscow Baptist Church. He and two colleagues from the All-Union Council are visiting Baptist agencies in the United States under the auspices of the Baptist World Alliance. (BP) Photo by W. Robert Hart



GRAHAM SPEAKS AT ECUMENICAL GATHERING — Evangelist Billy Graham (center) stands during congregational singing beside denominational leaders launching a unique Oklahoma City Agency for Cooperative Christian Ministry. Beside Graham is Herschel H. Hobbs, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention and president of the agency's Executive Board. Others pictured include (left to right) a Catholic priest, Hobbs, Graham, a soloist for the rally, a Negro Baptist pastor, and a Methodist minister.—BP Photo by Bob Matthews

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Harcourt are doing several types of work. For example, Urban L. Green is coordinating the efforts of the missionaries, the Nigerian Baptist Convention and the Nigerian government. Mrs. Green, a nurse, conducts government-approved medical clinics in her home and in outlying areas.

Miss Emogene Harris, from Johns, Miss., has been distributing clothing and cooking utensils in camps for displaced persons. "Most of the refugees are brought in with little or nothing," she wrote in January.

"Many have lived in the bush for months," Miss Harris said. Members of families are separated and do not know if they will ever see one another again. Gifts from Southern Baptists

made it possible for us to give clothing, medicine and food to those who are suffering."

Miss Harris helped start Baptist services in a camp with a population of about 14,000. In less than a year's time attendance at the services increased from 14 to 728, and 113 persons professed faith in Christ.

When the camp became overcrowded many of the people, including some Baptists, were relocated to two other camps. Soon the Baptists began services in both.

When Miss Harris asked a group of Baptist leaders in one of the camps to tell her what they needed most, they replied: "Bibles in our own language. We are hungry for them."

Following a vote of the mission in its January meeting, Miss Dale Moore moved from Lagos to Port Harcourt, where she had previously helped to develop religious education in Baptist churches.

The Mission also voted for Dr. and Mrs. W. Wayne Logan, now in Ibadan, to reopen the Baptist Dental Center in Enugu in February. They organized the center in 1968.

Dr. Logan said it will take six months to replace lost and damaged equipment and to repair the building. Until he can resume a full schedule at the center he will operate temporary dental clinics around Enugu.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Williams, now at Keffi near Jos, also hope to return to Eastern Nigeria, perhaps to the Aba-Owerri area. They studied the Ibo language prior to the outbreak of the war, expecting to teach in a Baptist college in which Ibo would be spoken. Mrs. Williams is from Columbia, Miss.

To the west of the Niger River, Z. Don Reece continues to conduct clinics and distribute food furnished by the Nigerian Red Cross. He and Mrs. Reece are living at Eku.

1st, Tunica Calls Pastor

Tunica Church has called as their new pastor Rev. Pat Nowell.

Mr. Nowell, the son of Mrs. Eunice Nowell of Jackson, and the late Anton Nowell, was graduated from Baylor University and from Southwestern Seminary. He has completed his Th.D. residence work in preaching and pastoral care at New Orleans Seminary, and is presently working on his thesis.

While pastoring in Texas, he met and married the former Nancy Lee Weathers of Stephenville, Texas. They have two children: David, 5, and Melody, 2.

For the past five years he has been pastor at Halbert Heights Church, Brookhaven. During this time the church paid off the indebtedness on the sanctuary, the second mortgage on the parsonage, bought and paid for an organ, remodeled and air-conditioned the old educational building, and in the fall of 1968 moved into a new educational building.

February 8 was the first Sunday with the congregation at Tunica, and between 2:00 and 4:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon a reception was held in the dining hall of the church honoring the Nowell family.



Vice-Chairman Named For Baptist Hospital Drive

R. B. Lampton, president of First National Bank, has been named vice-chairman of the fund-drive organization for a new 600-bed Mississippi Baptist Hospital.



Mr. Lampton

His appointment was announced by Baxter Wilson, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Mississippi Power and Light Company, fund-drive chairman.

The fund drive, to begin April 1, has as its goal \$2,000,000 of the anticipated \$25,000,000 cost of the new hospital to be built near the present one.

The present 400-bed hospital, on the southeast corner of the intersection of North State and Manship Streets, will be retained as an extended-care facility.

The new hospital will go up on a six-acre site on the northwest corner of the same intersection, with tunnels under North State Street connecting the two.

"All indications point to a population of over 300,000 for the Hinds-Rankin area by 1980," said Lampton, "and hospital facilities must grow accordingly."

"With 600 acute beds in the new hos-

pital, 300 beds in an extended-care facility and 100 beds in a new self-care unit, we will be meeting these community needs.

"Population growth and new medical technology in this area indicate that Mississippi Baptist Hospital may double its admissions between now and 1980.

"The present hospital is filled to capacity most of the time, and more than \$200,000 was spent for new equipment this past year.

"In an average year, Baptist Hospital admits over 14,000 patients. It renders over 100,000 patient days of service, and some 17,000 people are treated in the emergency room.

"About 1400 babies are born in the hospital each year, and some 8000 operations are performed. There are an estimated 200,000 laboratory tests and 30,000 radiology procedures at the hospital each year."

A native of Magnolia, Mississippi, Lampton is a graduate of Princeton University, where he received a B.S. Degree in Mechanical Engineering.

He served four years with the U.S. Navy during World War II and retired with the rank of lieutenant.

Lampton has been with the First National Bank of Jackson since 1949 and is a member of its board of directors as well as its president.

He is a graduate of the School of Banking of the South at Louisiana State University and is presently serving as a lecturer at that school.

Billy Graham Says That Youth Will Save Or Destroy World

DALLAS (BP) — Today's young people will either help us save the world or preside over its destruction, Evangelist Billy Graham told audiences in both Waco, and Arlington, Tex., (between Dallas and Fort Worth), in a recent swing through Texas.

Graham spoke to 11,000 people at the Heart-O-Texas Coliseum in Waco, kicking off a week-long observance of the 125th anniversary of Baylor University, the oldest institution of higher learning in Texas.

He also stopped in Arlington to accept an invitation from more than 1,400 black and white ministers and laymen from churches of many denominations in the Dallas-Fort Worth area to hold a crusade in late 1971.

Addressing himself to Christian education's place in the contemporary world, the Southern Baptist evangelist told both groups that the United States is facing "a total revolution."

He pointed to revolutions in technology, communications and moral standards but said, "perhaps the profoundest revolution is in education."

"Today's students are alienated," he said. "And it is up to Christians to help them find some answers."

Speaking to the ministers, Graham said young people are rebelling against an educational system which has depersonalized them and "one which is educating what he called 'monstrosities' — concentrating on the minds and bodies of students but ignoring the spiritual."

"We (Baptists) have a spiritual commitment which secular and government - controlled schools do not," he said in Waco. "That's why there will always be a Baylor."

Graham said that Christians must strive to minister to both the physical and spiritual needs of persons, keeping Christ - centered evangelism at the heart of all methods of outreach.

First Copy For SBC Encyclopedia Sent To Publisher For '71 Issue

NASHVILLE (BP) — Following a meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention Encyclopedia Committee here, the first one-fourth of the manuscripts for a third and supplementary volume of the SBC Encyclopedia were sent to the publisher.

The third volume will be released by Broadman Press in June of 1971, and will cover Southern Baptist history from the periods 1956 to 1970.

In the first batch of manuscripts sent to the publisher, about 575 articles of the estimated 1,800 articles had been turned in. More than 900 authors are writing for the Encyclopedia.

The third volume will supplement the two - volume SBC Encyclopedia published in 1958, and will seek to update the earlier editions. The third volume will cover events that have transpired since the first two volumes came out.

Final copy deadline for the Encyclopedia is Nov. 5, 1970, said Davis C. Woolley, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission and managing editor for the Encyclopedia, Volume III.

Woolley said the third volume will be "a comprehensive history of the convention over the past 12 years," including biographical information on denominational leaders who have died since 1956, any information omitted in the first two volumes, and historical information on the convention, its agencies, all state conventions, and their agencies.

The new volume will use the same type, binding, format, paper, etc., as the previous volumes, and will be about 500 pages in length.

An editorial committee, headed by Howard Colson, editorial secretary for the SBC Sunday School Board, is coordinating the editing. Woolley, as managing editor, is being assisted by Lynn E. May, assistant managing editor, and Terry Jones, editorial assistant.

May is research director for the SBC Historical Commission, and Jones is a doctoral student in church history at Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville.

Woolley said the third volume would be released in time for the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in St. Louis, June 1-4, 1971.

Family Life Conference

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feature a discussion on "The Senior Citizen Looking Toward Retirement," led by Dr. N. W. Carpenter, Jr., head of the Department of Sociology, Mississippi College.

Rev. A. Eugene Dyess, director, Religious Counseling Center of Mississippi, Jackson, will moderate a panel consisting of Dr. Howell, Rev. Hubbell, Dr. Carpenter and Dr. Clendinning, who will answer questions and enter into dialogue with the participants on the church's program in meeting total family needs.

Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director of the Christian Action Commission, in announcing the final plans of the conference, emphasized that "the heartbeat of the conference will be in the ten workshops held from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, with reports from these groups

being made at the final session Thursday morning from 8:30-10:00.

Preparing the papers for the workshops are the following resource people: Rev. Harold Kitchings, pastor, First Baptist, Kosciusko; Dr. Henry Jacobs and Dr. Larry Thornton, Delta State College, Cleveland; Dr. Dudley Wilson, pastor, Northminster Baptist, Jackson; Mr. Julian L. Clark, executive vice president, Deposit Guaranty National Bank; Dr. John Alcorn, University of Southern Mississippi; Dr. Charles Myers, pastor, Alta Woods, Jackson; Dr. Joe Odle, editor of the Baptist Record; Rev. Eldie F. Hicks, pastor, First Baptist, Waynesboro; Dr. Clendinning; and Mr. Hubbell.

This statewide conference is sponsored jointly by the Christian Action Commission; Hinds-Madison Baptist Association, Rev. Fred Tarpley, superintendent of missions, and Ridgecrest Church, Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor.



BMC Girls Gather In New Dorm's "Favorite Place"

STUDENTS OF BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE continually choose favorite areas of each dormitory for holding "family-style" gatherings. These students who live in Cockcroft Hall, the newest building on the campus, are sharing the treasures of a book, found in their favorite area of the \$325,000 dormitory—the spacious living room.

Left to right: Star Williams, Iuka; Janie Blassingame, Baldwyn; and Rita Cauthern, Smithville. Mrs. Iva Crawford, formerly of Jackson, is house mother for the young women in the new dorm.

ILLINOIS BAPTISTS ARE DENIED NEW NAME FOR STATE CONVENTION

CARBONDALE, Ill. (BP) — The secretary of state for Illinois has denied permission for the Illinois Baptist State Association to change its name to the "Illinois Baptist Convention" as approved by the state Baptist meeting last November.

Secretary of State Paul Powell of Springfield ruled that the new name was not acceptable "for corporate use" because of a protest filed in his office by American Baptists in the state, who claim the name is too similar to their own name—Illinois Baptist State Convention.

Selection of any other name will not wait on state convention action, said Illinois Baptist State Association Executive Secretary James H. Smith here.

"In the meantime, we have no other alternative but to continue with our present name, Smith said.

Kansas Names Pat McDaniel As New Executive Secretary

WICHITA, Kan. (BP) — James Curtis (Pat) McDaniel, field representative in the church loans division for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta, was elected here today as executive secretary of the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists, effective March 1.

The unanimous action came in a called meeting of the Kansas - Nebraska Executive Board, on the recommendation of the convention's five - man board of managers.

McDaniel has been assisting the Kansas Convention for several months, and previously was the SBC Home Mission Board's representative in Kansas after the state convention asked the SBC board to provide sound business counsel following disclosure that the state Baptist church loans association was insolvent.

In addition to serving as executive secretary for the state convention, McDaniel will be director of the state Baptist church loan association, which is about \$1.6 million in debt.

Only a few days before McDaniel's election, Kansas Baptist leaders announced they had been victorious in enlisting pledges totalling \$623,000 exceeding a goal of \$500,000 within the state, and a committee of state convention executive secretaries announced they had enlisted pledges of \$442,000 from other state conventions. These two amounts, plus a \$1,500 weekly Cooperative Program allocation, would solve the \$1.6 million indebtedness within five years.

McDaniel accepted the position after a telephone conversation with W. E. Thorn, president of the Kansas convention and pastor of Metropolitan Baptist Church, Wichita.

"I am thrilled and excited that we have a man of the capabilities of Pat McDaniel coming to lead the Kansas convention and the Church Loans Association," Thorn said.

"He has an excellent background of experience in business, financial and religious activities, to make him an outstanding leader," Thorn added. "I personally look forward very much to working with him in bringing our convention out of its financial doldrums and into a new era for the work in Kansas and Nebraska."

The chairman of the board of managers for the convention, Sen. Lester Arvin of Wichita said he felt Pat McDaniel is an excellent choice for the position. "He is already well acquainted with our problem, knows many of our pastors, and all members of the convention's staff."

"During the past several months, he has been a tremendous help to the Kansas convention in finding means of resolving our financial problems," Arvin said. "This man has already proven what he can do."

Bowing To The Prima Donna

By C. DeWitt Matthews
Midwestern Seminary,
Kansas City, Mo.

He was happy in his work as a minister of education in a friendly church. For eight years he has served this congregation and had seen solid signs of progress in educational theory and method. Then he was invited to accept a similar position in another state.

As the negotiations with the pastor and this church had a provision in its by-laws requiring the resignation of all staff members when the pastor resigned. This, it was explained, had been adopted to permit the new pastor to employ, or recommend employment, of whomever he chose to join the staff. The young man had never known of this kind of rule governing staff tenure but naively thought that since his former church work had been harmonious he had no reason to fear this stricture. So he agreed to move.

But after only seven weeks in the new place the pastor who had so much wanted the young man to join him in the work, resigned to accept another pastorate! Subsequently, of course, the minister of education's resignation was requested and given to the proper church authorities. But now the

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gram of the convention for the Seventies, and another emphasis on Tuesday evening will stress the denomination's service to the local churches.

The entire Tuesday afternoon session will be devoted to business, with the exception of a brief worship period and an emphasis on the seminars.

There will be no convention session on Wednesday afternoon, which will be left free to extra activities.

The special visual presentation depicting the 125th Anniversary of the convention is being coordinated by Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president of the SBC Woman's Missionary Union.

Because the convention is opening Monday evening rather than the traditional Tuesday night, the related conferences and conventions which previously have preceded the SBC have changed their schedules, Scales said. He added that the committee on order of business had worked closely with the presidents of these organizations to achieve a correlated schedule of activities.

The Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference and the SBC Woman's Missionary Convention will begin Sunday afternoon with a joint session emphasizing music and missions. Both will conclude Monday afternoon.

The Pastors' Conference is planning an evangelistic service in the convention center on Sunday evening in cooperation with local churches.

The SBC Religious Education Conference will start Sunday afternoon and conclude Monday afternoon, but the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference will meet after the SBC, Friday morning through Saturday noon, June 5-6.

Billy Graham Crusade

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sade.

The board also includes several ministers including Dr. M. L. Wilson, president of the Council of Churches of the City of New York, and Dr. Dan Potter, executive director of the Council.

Dr. Potter said that he expected this year's crusade to receive more support from New York churches than last year's. "We had a problem last year when some churches brought groups and couldn't get in at Madison Square Garden," he said. "This year we will have more seating."

Dr. Razziel Vazquez, minister of the Queens Methodist Spanish Parish and a member of the crusade board, said New York had more than 600 Spanish-speaking congregations, and that they hoped to have thousands of Spanish-speaking people at the crusade each night.

Mr. Graham also announced that he would hold a crusade in Germany April 5-12. Each crusade service, he said, will be televised live in 11 countries, with translations into seven languages.

His next U. S. crusade will be at Knoxville, Tenn., May 22-31. He said that Johnny Cash, popular singer, had accepted his invitation to sing at the Knoxville crusade and might appear at the New York crusade this summer.

"Our hymnology has been undergoing some change," Mr. Graham said. "I don't see anything wrong with having a man with a guitar singing a folk song about God."

Carl Stokes, the black mayor of Cleveland, has agreed to serve as chairman of the board of directors for a Graham crusade to be held in his city in 1971 or 1972, Mr. Graham said. Replying to press conference questions on a wide range of other subjects, the internationally known evan-

gelist also commented on:

—Dr. Timothy Leary. "I think he did great harm in encouraging young people to use drugs, but his slogan 'turn on, drop out, and tune in' would make a good sermon outline. I could say, 'Turn on to God, drop out of your sinful way of life, and so on.'"

—The recently deceased British philosopher Bertrand Russell. "You have to read his autobiography to understand his rejection of Christianity. He came from an extreme fundamentalist background and rejected it. There were signs that he was reevaluating Christianity at the end of his life. I was asked to debate him in England, but I declined. He was a great philosopher, but he couldn't be objected on religion."

—Black militants. "I believe they represent a very small minority of the black community. I have no special program to read them except to open the doors to all. I had a long talk with a member of the lack Panthers recently, and when our convention ended in the early hours of the morning, he said that he had had a wrong concept of Christianity."

—Level of current religious interest. "It is easier to make the gospel relevant than anytime in my ministry. I am getting a bigger hearing today than ever before because people today are asking the religious questions."

From Vietnam: James F. Humphries missionary associate in Saigon, reports that inflation is his biggest problem. The Baptist church of which he is pastor recently tried to buy a small plot of land; the owner wanted \$175,000. Humphries' light bill for a recent month was \$138. A chicken costs \$5 at the local market.

ousted man is hard pressed to find another church, nor has the pastor who left him in the lurch turned his hand to help place the former staff member.

Have you ever known of such unethical behavior by a pastor? This is no isolated instance!

But where did churches get the idea for demanding that all staff members resign when the pastor does? From the New Testament? Hardly. From the experience of occasional staff contention with a pastor's ideas of leadership? Possibly.

But does not this calloused way of treating staff members violate basic morality and keep such educational people in "servitude"? Are educational staff people not ministers, too? Does not God call them into the work?

Why, then, should their tenure depend exclusively upon the pastor's preferences? Does not an educational ministry in a church have its own reasons for being, its own validity for continuance? Further, when such a severance from a position as I have described occurs shouldn't the pastor who brought it about help the staff member relocate?

Where is this "carelessness about persons leading us as church leaders? Should we not all ponder the ancient biblical question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" or is the controlling principle actually every man for himself?

I heard a prominent pastor speak at an annual meeting of ministers of education on "The Pastor's Relationship to His Staff." He insisted there

should be only one final arbiter—the pastor. If the educational program seriously departed from the pastor's wishes, he contended, then the program must be brought into line with his wishes. In fact, throughout the speech the man made everything the church did depend on what the pastor desired. Needless to say, the speaker left the platform more unpopular with his specialist audience than when he came to it.

I was a pastor twenty - five years before joining a seminary faculty ten years ago. So I think I know how a pastor should relate to the church staff. Some false assumptions, I believe, appear even in the phraseology often used. For instance, the church staff is not "his" staff. It is not "his" program, budget, building project, etc., but, rather, all belongs to the congregation. But how many times do you hear a "possessive" preacher refer to "my staff," "my church," "my budget"?

Inevitably this insistence on everything and everybody conforming to a pastor's wishes feeds the prima donna craving of too many men in the ministry. A pastor should, indeed, be followed if his planning and direction are wise, but disagreeing with his ideas should not automatically brand one as being undesirable for a staff position. Usually, I've observed, a staff and a congregation follow the pastor whose life, manner, planning and methods deserve to be followed. But as often as not, if disarray comes in staff relations is the pastor not at fault, too?

At any rate, some educational people have just grounds for their complaints about their insecurity, their feeling of being considered "second rate" leaders in comparison to pastors, and a sense that the educational ministry is not yet accepted by many pastors as a distinct area of mature church work, able to stand on its own merits whether a pastor stays or goes.

Student Directors Elect Officers

Annual meeting of the State Baptist Student Directors Association was held February 8-11 at the Motor Hotel and the Cascades Convention Center, Williamsburg, Virginia, with Rev. Ralph B. Winders, Mississippi, presiding, and Jon Appleton, Alabama, serving as secretary-treasurer.

Program personalities included Kenneth L. Chafin, director of evangelism, Home Mission Board, SBC; Charles M. Roselle, Secretary of the Student Department, BSSB, Nashville; and Jed Johnson, Baptist layman, former Congressman from Oklahoma now serving with the Economic Opportunity Committee, Washington, D. C.

Elected to serve as officers for the Association were Clyde Clayton, Oklahoma, president and Grady Evans, Ohio, Secretary. The 1971 meeting will be in Chicago.



Joint Leadership

BLIES PERSONALITIES: Program personalities for the 1970 Joint Sunday School-Church Training Leadership weeks at the assemblies are: Gloria, top row, James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer, Sunday School Board, preacher; Roy Lee Williams Jr., director of religious education, Union Baptist Association, Houston, minister of education, Bellevue Church, Memphis, music director, July 23-29.

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Circuit Riders

Not A Bad Idea

By W. R. Roberts
Annuity Board Secretary, Mississippi

We haven't heard much about circuit riders in this century. John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement in Great Britain, sent several lay preachers to America in the 1780's. Two of the most famous were Peter Cartwright and Francis Asbury, the first Methodist bishop in the United States. For a long time these men of God made their mark.

Baptist preachers were not known as circuit riders, but many of them preached and pastored from one to twelve churches at a time. Bros. Dan Moulder, Williams, and many others too numerous to mention rendered such services.

We are faced in the Southern Baptist Convention with a real crisis. We simply do not have enough trained men to fill all of our so-called full-time churches. In fact, if we did have the men, they could not live on what some of these churches are able to pay.

It is a tribute to our churches that they demand trained pastors. It is also a tribute to our churches that they have full-time programs in so many of our communities. All of this is to our credit. The trouble is that we can't afford the luxury of a trained pastor serving just one of our small full-time churches — say of 250 members or less. This is not making the best use of our men.

The most plausible way to solve our problem seems to be to persuade our churches in close proximity to form church fields. There is no reason why our churches could not have

worship services first, followed by Sunday school and vice versa in order for a pastor to serve two full-time churches. Scores of churches have three worship services in our cities and pastors seem to thrive on such.

At times recently there have been from one to as high as twelve so-called full-time churches without pastors in Mississippi Baptist associations. Practically all have homes but pay from \$1800 to \$5000 per year. In this day of a spiralling economy a pastor can't furnish a car and provide for a family on this salary schedule.

If our rural full-time churches will come to grips with this problem, it can be solved. Many old prejudices will have to be dropped between communities. Any two (2) churches within ten (10) miles of each other could form a church field and go for a well-trained man to lead. Not only would the churches have top leadership but they could pay a pastor a salary commensurate with his services. Modern-day circuit riders seem to be our only way out of a bottleneck in pastoral leadership.

As an example, recently two of our men supplied pulpits within five miles of each other — both full time. One has 218 members and pays a salary of \$3900. The other has 191 members and pays a salary of \$3600. Both churches have been without pastoral leadership for months. If these two fine churches would get together, they could get a seminary-trained man and just about pay him enough to get by on. The Lord will help us out, but we must first use our human resources wisely.

Guest Editorial

Doctrinal Preaching Needed

Jack Gritz in
Baptist Messenger (Okla.)

We could hardly believe our eyes but there it was in black and white. The latest Southern Baptist VIEWpoll from Nashville, Tenn. (Dec. 11, page five) revealed that 27.9 per cent of the Sunday school teachers questioned and 19.7 per cent of the pastors believe that a Baptist church should receive without leading them into a New Testament experience of baptism "any person who has been immersed by any church." Some pastors and teachers need to do a lot of studying on this subject. And it is more than evident that we need a lot of doctrinal preaching in our churches now.

The questionnaire used in the survey may have been misleading by its use of the word "re-baptism" although the word was placed in quotation marks. Of course, no real Baptist believes in rebaptism. The whole point is concerning what baptism really is to start with. No one should ever be rebaptized. But each Christian should have a genuine baptism experience. A church which is not true to the teachings of the New Testament cannot provide that experience.

A genuine baptism takes place when a born-again convert is immersed by the authority of a true New Testament church for the purpose of showing his death to the old life of sin and his resurrection to a new life in Christ.

Guest Editorial

Ridiculous Embarrassment

Biblical Recorder
North Carolina

What next? A high school student was suspended from school in Fremont, Calif., briefly for talking about God during his lunch hour. Fortunately, he has been given legal assurance that he was "within his constitutional rights."

Understandably, suspension of 18-year-old Steven Minden had caused widespread controversy. The incident originated when a faculty member overheard Steven "witnessing for Christ" with several classmates on the school lawn. He reported the incident to the school principal.

Principal Robert Callahan allegedly asked Steven, "will you stop these discussions or do I have to suspend you?"

When Steven told the principal that he "couldn't honestly make such a promise since God is the most important thing" in his life,

he was "sent home to discuss the matter with his parents." The principal explained to the parents that "the state's education code prohibits the teaching or instruction of any sectarian or denominational doctrine, directly or indirectly, on a public campus."

The parents and Steven were dissatisfied with the principal's opinion. Steven insisted he was not "preaching" but merely "describing his experiences." That's when they protested.

In a formal opinion, Alameda County Counsel Richard Moore ruled that Steven was not violating principles of separation of church and state when he discussed religion with classmates over lunch. Since other students were free to "walk off" if they did not wish to listen to him, Steven was entitled to the same freedom to "sermonize about God," if he wished, Moore held.

"QUOTABLES"

Selected by the editor from contemporary thought and opinion

The child is father of the man.—Wordsworth

I LOVE these little people; and it is not a slight thing when they, who are so fresh from God, love us.—Dickens

Children have more need of models than of critics.—Joubert

Just as the twig is bent, the tree is inclined.—Pope

In the man whose childhood has known caresses and kindness, there is always a fibre of memory that can be touched to gentle issue.—George Eliot.

The interests of childhood and youth are the interests of mankind.—James
Let the little children to come unto me.—Luke 18:16

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It Could Be the Fatal Thon in His Side



"THOSE WHO HAVE NO RESPECT FOR THE LAW GIVE PRAISE TO THE EVIL-DOER; BUT SUCH AS KEEP THE LAW ARE AGAINST HIM." — PROVERB 14 (BASIC ENGLISH)

NEWEST BOOKS

IS THE BIBLE A HUMAN BOOK?
edited by Wayne E. Ward and Joseph
F. Green (Broadman, 159 pp., \$3.50).

A mere glance at the title would give a misconception of what is in this book. One well could think that the Bible is being considered as a human book rather than a divinely inspired one. This is not the purpose of the book, although at least three of the writers deal with the questions of inspiration and one or two of them present views which will be questioned by some readers. However, most of the writers have dealt with the human elements of the Bible which make it so effective in reaching people. One chapter is on the real humanness seen in some of the major writers themselves. Other chapters deal with the words, the parables, and other techniques which are used in presenting the message. These writers tell us that God used human beings to write to human beings. Still other chapters deal with the Bible and science and the Bible and history. There are messages on understanding the Bible, what the Bible can mean to Christians, and the power that the Bible has over people. There also are messages on using the Bible in preaching and in personal witness. As one reads these pages he comes to understand what these writers are saying as they consider the Bible a human book, and will find himself in agreement with most of the things in this book.

OUR GOD-BREATHED BOOK —
THE BIBLE by John R. Rice (Sword
of the Lord Publishers, 416 pp., \$5.95)

This well-known conservative Bible teacher and preacher writes 20 chapters on why the Bible can be accepted as the verbally inspired, eternal, inerrant Word of God. He explains what inspiration means and shows why so many great scholars believe in it. He discusses the Bible claims to inspiration, the testimony of Jesus Christ concerning it and other proofs. He discusses the question of the human element in the writing of inspired scripture. He deals with such problems as mechanical dictation, scientific accuracy, and word for word inspiration. Dr. Rice does not dodge a single one of the issues which are raised by scholars who do not believe that the Bible is God's inspired Word, and gives the answers to their arguments. He quotes from numerous outstanding scholars so that the book becomes a reference volume on this position. The book will be most helpful to those who are being faced with arguments by liberals and will answer many questions for those who have had doubts raised in their minds by those arguments. Reading some books today would cause one to believe that no conservative scholars remain. Dr. Rice shows how false this position is. The book should have a wide reading.

SERVING WITH THE SAINTS by
Robert E. Bingham and Ernest Loessner (Broadman, 127 pp., \$3.50).

"Down-to-earth" help for church staff members in their many roles. This book is intended for paid church staff members besides the pastor. The authors, neither of whom are pastors, examine the leadership role of the staff member and his relationships. The book is not concerned with the techniques or planning of programs, but attempts to expose the aspects of the jobs and the staff member's role in the total church context. Bingham is minister of education, Wieuca Road Church, Atlanta, and Loessner, professor of religious education at Southern Seminary.

IN SEARCH OF BALANCE by Virginia R. Mollenkott (Word Books, 151 pp., \$3.95).

How do we make decisions? Why do

we decide as we do? On what basis do we choose one action over another, call one right and another wrong? Decision and choice — practical ethics. This is the area Dr. Mollenkott explores in her new book. For guidelines, she turns to the Bible. Yet the Bible contains paradoxes, moral principles seemingly contradictory. In every situation we must make a moral choice, looking for balance.

THE SECURITY OF THE BELIEVER — FROM ELECTION TO GLORIFICATION by M. E. Ramay (Published by the author, First Baptist Church, Edmond, Oklahoma, 96 pp., paper, \$1.50).

Dr. Ramay, a well-known pastor and Baptist leader in Oklahoma, and author of several books, writes on one of the great doctrines held by Baptists, the security of the believer. He uses a pyramid to describe the basis of the believer's security. The foundation is election. Atonement, redemption, and justification are at the second level, regeneration and adoption at the third, security at the fourth, and the capstone is glorification. Dr. Ramay begins by explaining what the gospel is and what is meant by security, and then chapter by chapter discusses each of the stones in the pyramid. In the first chapter he shows what true Biblical election is and then step by step and chapter by chapter moves through the atonement, redemption, justification, regeneration, and adoption of the believer. Finally, he discusses God's assurances of security on the basis of these things which have been done for the believer, and the glorification of which the believer is assured because of his security. This is doctrinal meat and not milk, yet it is presented in such clear, straightforward language that any reader can understand. We do not see how those who reject the doctrine of security can answer the arguments which are made in this book.

THE FUTURE OF EVANGELISM
by Gerald Martin (Zondervan, 88 pp., \$2.95).

Dr. Martin who is pastor of Poplar Avenue Baptist Church in Memphis, and formerly served as president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, writes on evangelism and its place in modern life. He shows that the contentions of liberals that evangelism is dead is utterly false, and that the gospel is still the power of God unto salvation, and the Holy Spirit still is giving mighty revivals even in our day. Dr. Martin asks if we have a message for the world and then discusses in three chapters the message of salvation, covering the subjects of sin (repentance) and faith. Other chapters discuss the sufficiency, motivation, enemy, defeat, hope, and consummation of evangelism. The book is filled with illustrations of evangelism experiences. It should warm the hearts of many readers who may be discouraged about evangelism in our day.

BY CHRIST COMPELLED by Robert G. Lee (Zondervan, 151 pp., \$3.50)

Another collection of great sermons by that prince of creatures whose ministry has meant so much to Southern Baptists and all other people whom it has touched. These messages use the same marvelous word painting, and clear outlining to glorify our Lord that Dr. Lee has used in other books. Several of his great sermons, which have been heard by thousands, including "The Second Coming of Christ," and "Adorning the Doctrine of God," are included. Few men ever have lived who could glean such riches from a text, as Dr. Lee is able to do, so every book of his is a blessing.



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

"Thou Shalt Not Covet"

Usually a plain-Jane has it rough with herself from the time she first sees a playmate's long curls and reaches up to feel her own hopelessly straighter-than-a-ruler's-edge strings. It gets no easier as the years go by and — bingo! — one day her best friend's anatomy reaches measurements in proportion to the going qualifications for femininity. While the plain-Jane's glance toward any reflective device reduces to cold-turkey fact that the only difference between her and the pine-tree in Grandpa's pasture is that the tree has just one straight leg instead of two.

But my mother helped me somewhere between these two crisis-stages, so that when I reached the pine-tree stage I was able to look at Ann's nice figure with some degree of appreciation and a minimum of jealousy, a reverse of the look of maximum jealousy, based on no appreciation at all, that I had given to Lois' lovely locks.

I did not know I was coveting because I was; just a teeny — Lois and I couldn't have been more than four, just old enough for her hair to have grown shoulder-length and hang in perfect curls. And old enough for my hair to prove that it would never be curly unless I sat under the monstrous hot-wave machine at the Berry sisters' beauty shop. Even after that ordeal "curly" would hardly be the word. Would you believe "frizzly"? You who have sat in such a place would.

My folks tell me that things were slim at our house when I was tiny, that the depression was slow taking its leave of us, but I don't remember wanting for very much. Since I didn't feel I was lacking in much and my want lists were short, I can remember very vividly the first two things I wanted with my whole heart. The first was Lois' long curls. Oh, I wanted those brown ringlets with all the

femininity that was in me. One of my playmates had a carpenter for a father. I remember when I played at her house I would attach wood shavings to my stringy hair with bobby pins, close to my ears. Then I would close my eyes and wish on all the stars in the heavens that when I opened my eyes the yellow shavings would have turned into long brown curls. I guess I almost prayed — if such a tiny girl can pray.

The second thing I wanted unbearably was a real playhouse a neighbor had built for his little niece — it was a complete miniature house, and I wanted it in my yard instead of in hers. I was five then. One day Mother and I passed that house and I said, gray with greed, "I wish that was my playhouse, and I had it in my yard."

Looking back I can see that Mother was always quiet in teaching me. That day she said, "Honey, that's coveting — wanting for yourself something that belongs to someone else. You know the Bible verse, 'Thou shalt not covet.' I would be all right for you to wish for a playhouse of your own but not for hers to be taken away from her and made yours. So wish for another one besides hers."

It didn't work out for me to have my own playhouse, but that quiet, unscolding explanation of the error in my wishing surely has made it easier for me — uncountable times — to look at another's belonging and allow her the joy of possessing it. It has made it easier for me to understand why God said, "Thou shalt not covet." I am sure He knew that most of us selfish creatures would be highly tempted to go after what we want. Then there are two hurts — or more.

He knew, too, that wanting what belongs to someone else would keep me from enjoying what I have — heaping one sin onto another, ingratitude onto selfishness and unconcern for others.

soul for countless thousands whose eyes see, but whose night is almost endless. To such only God can give songs in the night.

One of the truly great songs of the Bible is Psalm 42. The writer speaks of his panting soul, his thirst for God, and then his tears. He cries "Why art thou cast down, O my soul?" His answer comes swiftly: "Hope thou in God." In triumph he exults, "Yet the Lord will command his loving kindness in the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me." God lives. And, said Jesus, "Because I live ye shall live also."

It is not hard to understand why some think God is dead. They have missed the walk with Him. Is the idea of His walk too anthropomorphic for you? Why not walk with Him? Is He not Spirit? Is He not omnipresent? We can walk with Him as Jesus and His disciples walked the dusty roads of Galilee, Samaria, and Judea. We may never write great poetry, or stifle the world with glorious music. But our very souls can sing songs in the night despite all the world can do to us.

Closed Circuit - TV

Set For Graham

European Crusade

DORTMUND, Germany (RNS) — American Evangelist Billy Graham will conduct an eight-day European Crusade here in Westfalen Halle, one of the most spacious indoor arenas in Germany.

The campaign, called Euro 70, will be transmitted live over rented TV channels to audiences in 13 West German and 20 other European centers. The crusade is scheduled April 5-12.

Trans World Radio will also broadcast, the campaign over shortwave to other European and North African points.

One of the European countries participating in the TV hookup is Yugoslavia, where a hall seating more than 1000 has been rented in Zagreb.

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EDUCATION

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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College is where little squirts become fountains of knowledge.

Fall enrollments at 55 Southern Baptist colleges and universities are up 2 1/2 percent over a year ago. The total is 67,272 as compared to 65,919 a year ago. . . . There are increases at 22 senior colleges, decreases at 18; one unchanged. . . . The biggest numerical increase is 383, at Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

Visitor to college president: "What a great university!"

President: "The credit isn't really mine. The freshmen bring in so much knowledge, and the seniors take so little away — knowledge just accumulates."

Higher education is going to require a steadily increasing share of the Gross National Product — it is an educational fact of life! — Howard R. Bowen, Professor of Economics, Claremont Graduate School

Adult to bearded, sign-carrying youth: "Certainly we had militants when I was in college. We called them parents."



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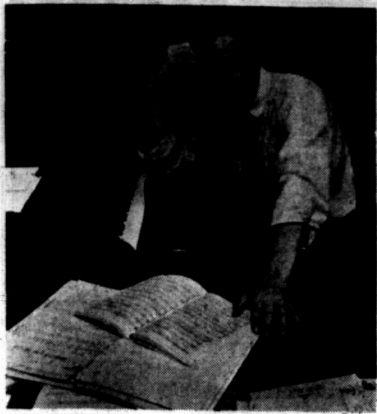
Songs in the Night

By W. Morris Ford

Have you ever written a song? Why did you? Or, why not? Many people write songs. Some with poetry in the soul write the words, the lyrics, the libretti. Others are able to set these words to music. A few can do both. What talent! What an enviable talent! Pity Milton for his blindness, Beethoven for his deafness; but don't let that pity run riot. Perhaps a seeing Milton could not have written Paradise Lost or a hearing Beethoven his Fidelio or Ninth Symphony.

Some of us can sing a little, or play an instrument. There is joy in that, and satisfaction. But, oh, to be able to write songs, to have them to pour out of the heart. . . . what glorious talent. (Now in my own mind I am ignoring those outpourings that some call music. Enough said!)

Elihu, in the Book of Job, speaks of "God. . . who giveth songs in the night." Surely Milton, Fanny Crosby and many others received their songs in the night of their blindness. But I am sure there is a dark night of the



Kurt Kaiser



Lester



Lancaster



Mrs. Myers



Lewis Myers

Mississippi College

Religious Emphasis Week Features Actor, Musical

Mississippi College will climax Religious Emphasis Week Thursday, Feb. 19, with an appearance by a well-known television actor and a special performance of a folk musical. Tommy Lester, a native of Laurel and Eb on the television series "Green Acres," will be on campus Thursday meeting with students in various sessions. This will be his second appearance at Mississippi College within the past year, having served as one of the judges during the "Miss Mississippi College" Pageant last spring. According to Debbie Daniel of Pineville, La., and Sherrill Dillon of Meadville, co-chairmen for this year's REW, Lester will be in the B. C. Rogers Student Center from 3 to 5 p.m. on Thursday for a period of informal entertainment. He will give his Christian testimony

during a 7 p. m. service in Nelson Auditorium, followed by an informal discussion period at 8:45 p.m. in the Hall of Fame Room of the student center. Featured during the evening service at 7 p. m. will be a 60-voice student choir singing the folk musical "Tell It Like It Is." Kurt Kaiser of Waco, Texas, who composed the musical, will be the director. Religious Emphasis Week will close out on Friday with an address by Dr. Bill Lancaster, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Decatur, Ga. Rev. and Mrs. Lewis Myers, missionaries to South Vietnam, were on campus earlier in the week as part of the REW team. Both are graduates of Mississippi College and are now home on leave from their missionary posts.

What Will Royal Ambassadors Be Like In '70S?

Crusaders

What will Royal Ambassadors be like in the '70s? Not much different from Royal Ambassadors in the '60s. No major changes, just refinements to make Royal Ambassadors a better mission education organization for all boys.

One of the refinements is a stronger program for younger Royal Ambassadors — CRUSADERS — which will include (1) boys in the first, second, and third grades as well as boys in the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades; (2) an advancement plan based on grades in school; and (3) activities that will stress more family participation. Each boy who joins Crusaders will receive a Royal Ambassador membership pin and Crusader membership card. First graders will work on advancement in the LAD 1 book. LAD 2 is for second graders, and third graders will use LAD 3.

Fourth graders will work on PAGE requirements, fifth graders, SQUIRE and six graders, KNIGHT. The LAD pin will be given to a boy when he completes his LAD 3 book. Regular Page, Squire and Knight pins and elective bars and stars will continue to be given to fourth, fifth and sixth graders.

Husband and wife teams will be encouraged to work as counselor and assistant. Each church should have at least two Crusader chapters — one for the younger and one for the older boys — with 8 to 12 boys per chapter.

Crusaders will have two types of chapter meetings — weekly meetings at the church and a parent-son meeting once a quarter at a member's home. A parent, preferably a father, will attend with his son in the home of one of the boys. Parent and boy will be involved in the program content.

Each chapter will be encouraged to participate in at least one mission activity a month, and each chapter member's family will be encouraged to participate in a family mission activity at least once a quarter. "Crusader Parent," an insert in CRUSADER, the new mission magazine for younger Royal Ambassadors, will have suggestions for family mission activities. Ideas for chapter mission activities will be included in CRUSADER COUNSELOR, a quarterly magazine for counselors.

Crusaders in the '70s will focus on four basic relationships (1) boy to parent; (2) boy to boy; (3) boy to man; and (4) boy to church. The success of the Crusader program of Royal Ambassadors in the '70 will depend on these and other relationships and the people who help develop them.

Pioneers

Teenagers are an important part of any church. They can create a spirit of enthusiasm and lead the church in new and exciting areas of service, or they can be just another bunch of kids



waiting around to become adults.

The Royal Ambassador program has been refined for the '70s to help teenagers contribute more to their church. Beginning in October of this year Pioneers and Ambassadors will join together as one Royal Ambassador age group called "Pioneers." The new grouping will provide older Royal Ambassadors with a refined leadership structure for more flexibility and more boy involvement; coeducational mission activities and a stronger, more meaningful advancement plan.

Most churches can and will continue the same grading-grouping system they now have. An Ambassador chapter can continue as an Ambassador Service chapter of Pioneers or be called an older Pioneer chapter. Each chapter will have a counselor and an assistant counselor, with boys serving as president, secretary, mission activity leader, and interest activity leader.

Pioneers will join with Acteens (Baptist teenage girls' mission organization) in a program known as SMAY or Summer Mission Action of Youth. SMAY will offer mission projects such as mission Vacation Bible Schools, mission tours and community and individual projects. Each Pioneer chapter will be encouraged to participate in mission activities once a month.

Pioneer Adventure will be the advancement plan for boys in grades seven, eight and nine. After receiving a membership card and pin, a boy earns Pathfinder, Trailblazer and Guide pins. After completing Guide he can earn an Achievement Award and a High Achievement Award.

Pioneers in grades 10, 11, and 12 participate in Ambassador Service. This plan is basically the same as the present Ambassador Service-Aide program, but the Service-Aide areas have been changed from occupational positions to the five functions of a church: worship, witness, ministry, education and application. A Service-Aide certificate comes with each 150 hours of service and wreath and star tabs can be added to the Ambassador pin for each award earned.

An Abstraction You

A thing of beauty, set apart.
A dream of loveliness come true;
A vibrant, pulsing, loving heart
Encased in the person of you.

Imagine that outer-self as just a pose.
Yes, you have your pose, (I have mine)
So look into your self and you'll expose
Those dreams, fears and ideals sublime.

Your pose is the model, chosen by you
Made up of body and clothed for the world to see.
But you are inside a shadow-self, too.
What are you? What do you want to be?

You whittle at the model of your life
Believing your true-self you're carving out.
But who's the whittler of that precious life?
Is it real, or false, or filled with doubt?

Gaze into your heart. . . it will surely reveal.
Like a mirror. It gives back to you
A reflection of that dazzling ideal.
But what about that gaze? Is that really you?

Behold! You see inside you, your other self,
And wonder if it is shadows, too.
Behind you, and all about that complacent self
There's utter darkness. . . till you find the real YOU.
By Mrs. Niles Cruthirds
Bond, Mississippi
Written to her daughter

Today's Youth



Bedtime Prayers In Baptist Orphanage, Rome

CHILDREN KNEEL for bedtime prayers in the girls' dormitory at the George B. Taylor Orphanage, Rome, Italy. — (Photo by Fon H. Scofield, Jr.)

Students Trade Semester Break For Slum Work

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—Ninety students from North Texas State University, Denton, Tex., recently traded their semester break for six days of tiring work in the New Orleans slums. The excursion, called "Project Amis," was sponsored by the North Texas State Baptist Student Union, but brought together Protestants, Catholics and agnostics to clean yards, paint houses and perform for high school and university groups. The 48 women and 42 men paid a \$25 transportation fee and lived in the Baptist Men's Mission and the Good Samaritan Mission.

Besides working at some of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board mission centers, they also sang at "The Way," a Bourbon Street coffeehouse, and participated in BSU services at Tulane University Medical School. They divided to work in several areas of the city, but came together to clean up two churches badly damaged by Hurricane Camille. They also participated in Sunday services at several New Orleans churches. Some taught Sunday school classes and sang in the morning worship. Constant bus breakdowns and rainy

weather did not dampen their spirits, and the hardest part for some was going home.

Joe Cummings, 21-year-old senior said: "I have established some relationships with the people that are now going to have to be broken, and we have begun some work that will probably end after we're gone."

Southwestern 1969-70 Enrollment Largest In Ten Years

Forth Worth, Tex. — Southwestern Seminary enrolled 2,086 students for the 1969-70 school year, largest annual enrollment in ten years. It is an increase of 60 over 1968-69.

Students came from 43 states and 21 countries. Over 280 colleges and universities are represented in their undergraduate prerequisite.

The School of Theology claimed 1,314 students, the School of Religious Education — 570, and the School of Church Music — 212. The School of Church Music enrollment is largest in its history.

Baptist Student Magazine's Survey Reveals "Good Image" Response

NASHVILLE (BP) — The majority of students characterized the Baptist Student magazine as "open-minded, straightforward, well-organized, and attractively illustrated," according to a readership survey conducted by the research and statistics department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here.

The students also indicated a desire for more controversial articles and articles on contemporary and social issues. They indicated they wanted more articles written by students themselves.

Usable responses were received from 480 students, 53.2 per cent of the 918 who were sent questionnaires. They represented 203 different schools from a cross-section throughout the United States.

Of the readers surveyed, 95.6 were Baptists. There were 88.7 per cent enrolled in college. The others were enrolled in seminaries and other schools.

Freshman and sophomores made

up 56.7 per cent of those surveyed. The survey revealed that 84.3 per cent of the respondents receive the magazine through their church. Nine per cent receive the magazine through personal or family subscription. A total of 0.8 per cent receive it through their Baptist Student Union.

Students in the survey included 60.3 per cent from state universities, 28.6 per cent from denominational colleges, and 6.6 per cent from non-denominational private colleges.

"The purpose of our magazine is to challenge college students to confront current issues, interests, and problems from a Christian perspective," Charles M. Roselle, secretary, student department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, said.

"Our purpose in having this survey was to see how well we were fulfilling this purpose for students," Norman Bowman, editor, student publications for the board's student department, said.

Project Amis was an outgrowth of Project Amigos, a similar work trip which last year took the students to South Texas. The North Texas State BSU had previously sponsored a mid-winter retreat, but waning interest and a desire of the students to see missions in action prompted Director Britton Wood to seek new avenues of ministry.

"After last year, they came to me and said, 'We can't go back to a mid-winter retreat,'" Wood said. So the wheels were set in motion for the New Orleans trip.

Wade Hopkin, superintendent of missions for New Orleans Baptists, expressed satisfaction with both the work and the attitude undergirding Project Amis.

"I had a pre-disposition about these kids coming, because I agree with the concept that Wood is putting forth: The concept of working with rather than working for," Hopkin said.

"This trip will help many of these kids in their psychological growth, because it is their first opportunity to give of themselves. I think they did a great job and I would like for them to come back," he concluded.

In orientation sessions preceding the trip, Wood had discussed Bourbon Street's many burlesque houses, "so that they (the students) wouldn't think they had one up on the preacher if they went down."

"The most frustrating part of the trip was the French Quarters," Wood said. "The students felt more helpless here in their work."

The very size of the group overwhelmed some of the residents. They

found it hard to believe that students would pay to work.

Wood doesn't know yet whether next year will see a semester project. But his students are ready. Already they're asking where we're going next year."

Students Provide Ministry For 53 Mexican Orphans

BELTON, Tex. (BP) — Twenty-seven Mary Hardin Baylor College students paid their own way during their January exam break to minister to 53 Mexican orphan boys at El Rancho del Rey, Mexico.

Designated as Mission 53, the project was planned by William Jan Deahner, Baptist student director at the college.

The group of 27 students was accompanied by eight sponsors including Romero Rodriguez, pastor, First Mexican Baptist Church, Belton. Rodriguez preached in Spanish during worship services.

The structure and types of activities were designed to meet needs as they arose, Deahner related. The most prevalent need was for personal recognition for the boys. Activities included music, all types of recreation, hand crafts, Bible study and personal conversation.

"Many of us went with the intention of teaching and we were taught, of loving and we were loved, of giving and we received so very much," Miss Debbie Craig, freshman said.

Sunday School Board Votes To Invite Youth To Meeting

NASHVILLE (BP) — The elected Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, in its annual meeting here, voted to select youth periodically to sit in and comment upon committee and full board meetings.

The board also reported a total income for 1969 of \$36,252,000 and adopted a revised 1969-70 budget totaling \$37,518,000.

Three to five young people will be invited to sit in on committee and general meetings of the board periodically.

ly. They will be asked to file written evaluations and suggestions growing out of their observations. Expenses will be borne by the board.

James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer of the board said that youth would be selected from different areas of the convention territory.

The revised budget for Oct. 1, 1969-Sept. 30, 1970 replaces the \$38,939,000 budget originally adopted for the period in the board meeting in Ridgecrest, N. C. in July 1969.

The decrease of \$1,421,000 was recommended as an economy action after income forecasts were reevaluated. The new budget includes \$8,212,000 for direct costs in the education and service programs through which the board serves the churches.

The board also voted a bylaws change which provides for a church program and services committee to be added to the other nine committees of the elected board.

This committee will review long range program and curriculum plans, theory and design, and will deal with related items.

Miss Gilley Presents "The Cherry Orchard"

On Saturday, February 14, at 8:00 p.m. in Garrett Auditorium of Blue Mountain College, the Department of Speech and Drama presented Miss Ann Gilley of Memphis and Blue Mountain, in her senior speech recital.

Miss Gilley chose for her performance, "THE CHERRY ORCHARD" by Anton Chekhov. She made her own selections from the book and designed the stage setting for her program.

Following Miss Gilley's recital, a reception was held in the Faculty Reception Room of Whitfield Residence Hall.



Youth Of Second Church, Greenville, Set Record

AS THEIR SERVICE PROJECT for December, the youth of Second Church, Greenville, promoted this year's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. They set their goal at \$1,000.00, which exceeded all previous goals. Not only did they meet their goal of \$1,000.00, but exceeded it with a final figure of \$1,204.06. This was the largest Christmas Offering in the 24-year history of Second Baptist Church. (Pictured is the Youth Council that had the leadership role in this record-breaking

project. Bottom row, left to right, are David Raddin and Walter Masters. Top row, left to right, are Rev. Roy D. Raddin, pastor; Tyan Wesley, Debbie Hemphill, Youth Council president; Brenda Williams, Diane Freudenberg, and Don Moseley, associate pastor and director of youth. Other members of Council not pictured are: Charles Dillon, Larry Vaughn, and Debbie Kerr.)



Clark Concert Choir, and Singers Plan For Spring Tour

PICTURED ARE THE Clarke College Concert Choir and Singers in the sanctuary of First Church, Newton. Director of the groups is James B. McElroy, with Miss Janet Husbands as accompanist. The Choir and Singers

are now making plans for their spring tour. They regularly appear in churches throughout Mississippi, Louisiana, and Alabama.

Mississippian Engaged In Special FMB Project In Kenya

Rev. Harold J. Overton is working in a special project for the Foreign Mission Board, in connection with the East Africa Mission and the new language school at Limuru, Kenya. He left the States on January 27, for Nairobi, and Limuru.

Graduate student in linguistics at LSU, he will be in Africa for approximately one year.

Reared in Greenville, Miss., he was active in the program of Second Baptist Church, Greenville (Rev. Roy Raddin, resident pastor.)

A graduate of Greenville High School, Mr. Overton received the B. A. degree (foreign languages) from Mississippi College; the B. D. degree from New Orleans Seminary; the M. A. degree (linguistics) from Louisiana State U.; and is presently enrolled in the Ph.D. (linguistics) program at L. S. U. He was pastor of Chapel Hill Church, Hinds County, for six and one-half years, resigning last October to accept the special project with the Foreign Mission Board. He assisted in the first six-weeks linguistics portion of the missionary orientation in the fall at Callaway Gardens, Georgia.

As linguistics specialist, Mr. Overton will be helping with the newly opened Baptist Language School, (which will be teaching newly appointed missionaries to East Africa to speak the Swahili language) at Limuru, Kenya. At the same time he will be doing linguistic field study for the preparation of language learning materials for another Kenyan language, Kikuyu.

He was originally scheduled to do a similar project in Nigeria, but the Nigerian civil war made it impossible for him to go there.

From Tanzania

Arville E. Senter, Southern Baptist missionary in Tukuyu, Tanzania, sends the following true story:

"Ndabiti, an elderly gentleman who was blind, wanted to help his church have a building. He sold his cows, his last means of support other than a few coffee trees. With the money from the sale of the cows he hired workers to prepare bricks for the building. When his friends asked why he had made such a sacrifice, he replied, 'I'm blind and can't see it, but I'm going to feel that house of God before I die.' Last fall Ndabiti went to be with the Lord. But before he died he felt the bricks and mortar and heard the ringing of the bell of the new Kisa Baptist Church."



SEVEN MEN from Rock Hill, South Carolina, recently spent a week in Mississippi, helping to rebuild Crane Creek Church, one of the churches ruined by Camille. Left to right, the men were, front row, James Maples, Rev. Lewis Simmons; second row, Harold Alderman, Ansel C. Byers, Donald Ayers, Charles T. Ernandez, and James Blackwelder.

South Carolina Men Spend Week At Crane Creek, Helping Rebuild

Seven men from the Fork Baptist Association, Rock Hill, South Carolina, have given a week of their time to rebuilding Crane Creek Church, Pearl River County, which was destroyed by Hurricane Camille.

The Crane Creek pastor, Rev. Wilson H. Presher, writes, "Several weeks ago I contacted our Home Mission office in Atlanta and asked about some people I had heard wanted to give time to help build our new buildings. I was put in touch with Rev. O. F. Watts, the superintendent of missions in Fork Baptist Association, Rock Hill, South Carolina.

"After several weeks of planning, seven men came from Rock Hill and

spend a week with us. They put most of the singles on the roof, laid a lot of bricks, and even filled the pulpit when I was sick with the flu. I feel our people received a great spiritual blessing from having these men with us as they spoke and lived a testimony for Jesus Christ."

New Church In Quito

A new English-speaking Baptist church has been organized in Quito, Ecuador. The congregation holds Sunday School and worship services in Spanish-speaking University Baptist Church. William P. May, Southern Baptist missionary, is pastor of the new group, which organized to serve an increasing number of English-speaking families arriving in Quito. In addition to the Mays, Southern Baptist missionaries in Quito are Rev. and Mrs. James P. Gilbert, of Mississippi, Rev. and Mrs. William F. Martin, Jr. and Rev. and Mrs. James C. Muse Jr.



REV. HAROLD J. OVERTON, at left, is shown with Ernest Ideh of Warri, Nigeria. Mr. Overton is giving a language learning demonstration during missionary orientation.

Bookstore Suffers \$10,000 Water Damage As Pipe Breaks

ATLANTA (BP) — A broken water pipe on the second floor of the Atlanta Baptist Book Store caused an estimated \$10,000 damage to stock and fixtures.

According to the store's manager, Robert H. Mendenhall, the broken pipe resulted from freezing during the eight degree temperature here recently.

The Atlanta store closed two hours early on the day the pipe broke and opened the next morning on hour late.

Literature Kits Available

NASHVILLE — Southern Baptist churches that want a preview of literature for the 1970's may order introductory church literature kits through the church literature department of the Sunday School Board.

The kits include a Sunday School kit with 20 pieces of literature at a cost of \$4.25, a Training Union kit with 13 pieces of literature priced at \$3.00, and a church music kit with three pieces of literature at \$1.75.

The kits will be available in time for "Church Literature Selection Week," slated for June 15-21, 1970. Churches may order the kits any time before June 1, 1970.

MUSIC

State Youth Music Tournament and Workshop

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Each year the Church Music Department sponsors a Tournament and Workshop for those in the tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades who meet the requirements in the Vocal, Piano and Organ Divisions of the District Festivals. To be eligible to receive an invitation to this event, the participants in the District Festivals must earn a superior rating on both the selections they perform. Letters of invitation have been sent this year to forty-five superior winners in the District Festivals.

STATE TOURNAMENT BENEFITS

At the Tournament the student will be given opportunity to perform for experienced musicians, including music faculty members from Baptist colleges. They will also be judged. In addition, the students will have an opportunity to hear artists perform.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Persons earning a superior rating at the State Tournament will receive a scholarship in the amount of \$25.00 toward one week's expenses at the Ridgecrest Youth Music Workshop, June 25 - July 1. If the student winning a superior rating cannot attend Ridgecrest, he may be used in a major state music event in the summer or at the Youth Convention in December.

Music faculties from one or more of the Baptist schools in Mississippi may also offer scholarships to their schools. Of course, the final decision will be left up to the individual school and/or faculty.

RETIRED?

Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly needs retired adults to serve on the summer staff. Positions include dormitory parents, supervisors, hostesses, etc. If interested in spending June 8 through September 10 at Ridgecrest, contact Ken McAnear, Box 128, Ridgecrest, North Carolina 28770.

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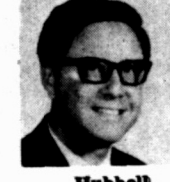
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Theme: "THE FAMILY INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS"

PROGRAM

MONDAY, Feb. 23 —
2:00 p.m.—Overview of program — Dr. J. Clark Hensley
2:15 p.m.—Address: Dr. Evelyn M. Duvall, Noted Family Life Leader, Sarasota, Fla.
3:00 p.m.—Address: Dr. Myron C. Madden, Director, Dept. of Pastoral Care, Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans
3:45 p.m.—Adjourn
Evening Session:
7:00 p.m.—Address: Dr. Duvall
8:00 p.m.—CONFERENCES & Leaders:
Pastors (Counseling) — Dr. Madden
Adults — Dr. Duvall
College & Career Young People — Rev. David Hicks, B.S.U. Director, University of Mississippi
Senior High Young People — Rev. Bill Nimmons, Ass't Pastor, First Baptist Church, Starkville
Junior High Age — Rev. Macklyn Hubbell, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Cleveland
Junior Age — Films on the Home
TUESDAY, Feb. 24 —
9:00 a.m.—"Woman's Role in the Modern Home" — Dr. Duvall
9:30 a.m.—"Man's Role in the Modern Home" — Dr. Madden
10:00 a.m.—Panel Discussion
Moderator: Dr. Hensley
10:45 a.m.—Coffee Break
11:00 a.m.—"The Church in a Total Family Ministry" — Dr. B. A. Clendinning, Jr.—Church Training Department, Sunday School Board, Nashville
12:00 Noon—Adjourn

2:00-4:00 p.m.—INTEREST GROUP WORKSHOPS (See below)
7:00 p.m.—Conferences - as on Monday evening
8:15 p.m.—Address: Dr. Duvall
WEDNESDAY, Feb. 25 —
9:00 a.m.—"The Church's Role in Sex Education" — Dr. John C. Howell, Professor of Christian Ethics, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri
9:45 a.m.—"The Senior Citizen Looking Toward Retirement" — Dr. N. W. Carpenter, Jr., Head of the Department of Sociology, Mississippi College, Clinton
10:30 a.m.—Coffee Break
10:50 a.m.—Panel - Reactions & Discussions of Addresses
Moderator: Rev. Eugene A. Dyess — Director, Religious Counseling Center of Mississippi, Jackson
Members: Dr. Howell, Rev. Hubbell, Dr. Carpenter, Dr. Clendinning
2:00-4:00 p.m.—INTEREST GROUP WORKSHOPS (Same as Tuesday Afternoon)
7:00 p.m.—Juniors through Young People: Conferences as before
Adults: "Parents' Role in Sex Education" — Dr. Howell
8:00 p.m.—Special Music: Ridgecrest Baptist Church
Address: Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Executive Secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board
THURSDAY, Feb. 26 —
8:30 a.m.—Begin Reports from INTEREST GROUP WORKSHOPS
10:30 a.m.—Closing Address: "Christian Witnessing through the Home" — Dr. Howell
11:30 a.m.—Adjourn

INTEREST GROUP WORKSHOPS

(Select One and Pre-register for these workshops — Tuesday & Wednesday Afternoons, 2:00-4:00)

WORKSHOPS & LEADERS:

1. Preparation for Participation in Christian Marriage — Rev. Harold Kitchings, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Kosciusko
2. Senior Citizens — Dr. Henry Jacobs, Delta State College, Cleveland
3. Situation Ethics — Dr. Dudley Wilson, Pastor, Northminster Baptist Church, Jackson
4. Family Money Management — Mr. Julian Clark, Executive Vice President, Deposit Guaranty Bank, Jackson
5. Christian Views of Sex Education — Dr. Clendinning and Rev. Hubbell
6. Mental Health in the Home — Dr. John Alcorn, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg
7. Family Roles in Changing Society — Dr. Charles Myers, Pastor, Alta Woods Baptist Church, Jackson
8. Teenagers in the Home — Dr. Larry Thornton, Delta State College, Cleveland
9. Biblical Foundations for Marriage — Dr. Joe Odle, Editor, Baptist Record
10. The Church and the Home — Rev. Eldie Hicks, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Waynesboro



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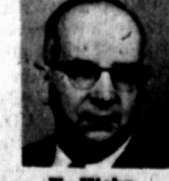
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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON ———— LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM

Recognizing Jesus As The Christ

By Clifton J. Allen

Matthew 16:13-23; Isaiah 42: 1-4

This lesson marks a significant turning point in the earthly ministry of Jesus. Jesus confronted his disciples with a direct test as to their understanding of who he was. Then, on the basis of their assertion that they believed him to be the Messiah, he began openly to announce to them the fact of his approaching crucifixion and resurrection. The disciples were prepared to accept Jesus as the Messiah, but they found it exceedingly difficult to reconcile their concept of the Messiah with that of the Suffering Servant, whose mission would be accomplished through shameful death and victorious resurrection.

The Lesson Explained

THE GREAT CONFESSION (vv. 13-16)

For some two years or longer Jesus had revealed himself to the disciples with more and more fulness and depth. But how well did they really understand who he was and what he came to do? It was appropriate for him to give them an examination! Peter responded, surely for the group but likely with more conviction than some of them had, saying in essence, "We believe you are the Messiah, the Christ, the Son of the living God." On an earlier occasion Simon Peter had declared, "We believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God" (John 6:69). But questions again and again must have come to the disciples. Jesus was so different from what they had expected the Messiah to be — no concern to deliver Israel from Rome, no concern for a temporal kingdom of splendor, no concern for display of power or exercise of vengeance over enemies. Still Peter made for them the great confession, affirming the deity of Jesus as the Son of God and acclaiming him as Messiah, the fulfillment of messianic hope.

THE NEW COMMUNITY (vv. 17-20)

Jesus' response to Simon Peter's confession was one of both commendation and instruction. Peter's insight and conviction had come through the activity of God, revelation from the Father. Peter's faith, and that of the other disciples, was not a human achievement; it was in reality a gift of divine grace. Then Jesus added that on that kind of faith, with persons who had that kind of faith, he would build his church. Peter's faith would enable him to become a rock-like man. Jesus was surely speaking of his church in its totality, the whole family of God, all redeemed persons, the church as the body of Christ. The gates of hell — which means the gates of death — will not be able to swallow up the church or overcome it. As one translator puts it, "The powers of death will be helpless to harm it."

The new community has a mission from Christ. It is entrusted with the keys of the kingdom of heaven. The keys symbolize the responsibility to open and close. Whatever the church does in keeping with the mission received from Christ, in the exercise of faith in him as Lord and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, will have the approval of heaven; its witness and work will be ratified in heaven. To the degree that it is faithful, its work will endure forever.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS (vv. 21-23)

Jesus began at this point to declare openly to the disciples the fact of his approaching death. He was trying to help the disciples understand the kind of Messiah he was, not a political king or military conqueror, but the Suffering Servant. His death was a divine necessity growing out of his redemptive mission. Peter revealed now how faulty his confession had been. He could not bear the thought of such humiliation and death for his Lord. Impulsively, he protested against it, "God forbid!" With stern severity, Jesus turned and rebuked Peter. He had become a stumbling block. He was actually playing the part of Satan, for he was trying to tempt Jesus to turn from his purpose to give his life for the redemption of the world.

Truths To Live By

Understanding Jesus is a lifelong quest. — This quest should call forth both holy purpose and tireless seeking. Our desire for a deepening under-

standing of Jesus ought never to be self-centered, just for our enjoyment, and never for our pride. It should rather be for the sake of fuller commitment to him and stronger confidence in him. Really, we cannot understand Jesus apart from willingness to hear a cross, willingness to deny self, and willingness to share in his work of salvation and his ministry of consolation. And this requires being a friend to sinners, going among disreputable outcasts to help them find meaning and hope and forgiveness in God, going to the lost to tell them the good news of God's forgiveness, and going to the hungry and sick and imprisoned and insane and grief-stricken to show kindness and to give help.

The church will not perish. — Criticism of the church and scorn for its mission are not new in the world. We need insight with respect to all such criticism. We need to distinguish between the church and churches. A local congregation may come far short of understanding its nature as the body of Christ. It may even deny Christ by its actions and attitudes, its spirit and its witness. It may even be captured by a worldly, wicked spirit of hate or pride. All such expressions by a given church violate the nature of the true church, the body of Christ. But even the true church, the body of Christ, is made up of unworthy people, sinners saved by grace. They are a part of the church which the powers of death cannot overcome.

SERVICE HELD IN MEMORY OF J. B. THOMAS

Funeral services were held December 24, 1969 for J. B. Thomas, 77, of Sunflower, Mississippi, who died at Veterans Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee December 22.

Mr. Thomas, a native of Texas, had been a resident of Sunflower since before WWI. He has been honored in 1968 by the Sunflower Church,

having been a member of the church for over 42 years and one of the five oldest members in seniority of the church. He had distinguished himself in the church as a Bible student by being a consistent daily Bible reader, and since 1951, teacher of the Kingdom Builders Bible class.

Mr. Thomas was a prominent leader of the church. He had served as church clerk, was a member of almost all remodeling and building committees, and personally constructed furniture for the nursery and Sunday school office.

Saturday, February 14, would have been his 78th birthday. In his memory, flowers were to be placed in the church, Sunday February 15, and a special prayer service was to be observed.

Revival Dates

Emmanuel Church, February 15-22; Rev. J. Allen Smith, Southern Baptist missionary and pastor, Clark Field (English-speaking) Baptist Church, Angeles, Pampanga, Philippines, evangelist; music under leadership of C. S. Lewis, minister of music, Emmanuel Church; services at 7:30 p.m., and 12-noon luncheon service each day; Rev. Justus L. Garrett, pastor.

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Glory To Be Revealed

Rom. 8:18-39 By Bill Duncan

There are five great subjects taught in Romans, Chapter 1-8, 12-15: sin, salvation, sanctification, security, and service. Please note the order in which Paul treats them. Security does not come until after sanctification. So often doubt of salvation is a by-product of a life not lived according to God's will. The subject of security was designed by God to cheer the sincere Christian on the one hand, and to caution the superficial professor on the other hand.

Why is it that some good people so strongly oppose anyone who states that he is eternally secure in Christ? This whole business of salvation is one of divine grace not human grit. God has given us security that we need not despair.

Rev. Earl Jackson Edwards has written that to believe he can be saved today and lost tomorrow, the saved and sanctified man must:

1. Sell himself after he has already been bought. "Ye are not your own. For ye have been bought with a price."
2. Erase His name from "The Lamb's Book of Life." "But rather rejoice because your names are written in One cannot believe the message of heaven." Luke 10:20.
3. Confuse the plain declaration of the Bible. "Verily, Verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." John 5:24. "And I will give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish, neither shall anyone pluck them out of my hand." John 10:28.
4. Undo the merits of Calvary. "But God commendeth his love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8. One cannot believe the message of salvation by grace for lost sinners, in Romans, and the message of abounding grace for the Christian, without having assurance of salvation. The ignorance of Christians about the message of salvation has resulted in troubled spirits about absolute certainty of salvation. Romans 8 speaks of salvation begun, salvation continued, and salvation completed. Our present salvation includes victory, and it includes suffering. It includes the limitations of this body of our humiliation, not yet redeemed. It opens the door concerning our future salvation. "For in hope were we saved." 8:24. This does not mean that we hope we are saved. This means our salvation includes a great hope, the glorious future completion of our redemption, and the owning of Christ as Lord over a restored creation. This hope is an absolute certainty, but it is in the future and speaks of faith and we await it with patience. This hope is based on the Blessed Hope spoken about in Titus 2:13 when Christ shall come in the glory and the

sons of God shall share in the glory.

This hope helps us to endure the suffering of this present time because we look forward to the future glory. The assurance of the final glory is that we have the first fruits of the Spirit now. The glory that is ours because the Spirit dwells within is a foretaste of the glory that shall be revealed. The Holy Spirit is our mark of ownership by God for the world. In this life we enjoy salvation but it is only like a taste of the full harvest which is to come. One of the blessings of the Holy Spirit now is the help the Holy Spirit gives to us in our prayer life. With the Holy Spirit within us interpreting our feeling and Christ in heaven interceding for us, we should be very effective in our prayers. The trouble is, so few of us ever have feelings that need the Holy Spirit to intercept for us. We are void of feelings toward God of prayer. We need more and more to realize what a marvelous provision has been given to us.

In this security we have a wonderful assurance that for those who love God—a love expressed by taking Christ as Saviour and Lord and living for Him — all things are now working together for good. This is because of God's eternal purpose for everyone who is saved. They are those whom "He Foreknew." To foreknow means to know in the matter of salvation. Jesus said, "I never knew you." He knew who they are. He means that he never knew them with approval as those who belong to Himself. Those who are known by God are to strive for the good of God — to be conformed to the image of God. Since no one is yet glorified, we can see clearly that these words are not speaking of something that has been done, but describing what is God's plan and what is the process for every saved man.

Since God gave Christ to die for us on the cross, God will not withhold any lesser blessing. His Son includes all else. In the trials of life-persecution or anguish — we may conquer it by having it removed or passing through the test. The wonders of the promise of God is that we are more than conquerors in all these things.

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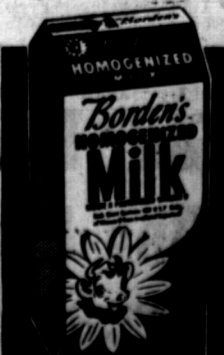
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The ground of confidence is the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Let us not consider our love for Him, but the solid rock of His love to us. That means the look to Calvary.

Blondin carried a man on a tight rope across Niagara Falls. Said he to the man: "Don't try to balance yourself, yield yourself to me." The man was strapped to a chair on Blondin's back. "Trust everything to me," said he to a man.

Our need for security is our need to trust everything to God. When we can do that there will be no reason to doubt.

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Endowed Scholarship Fund Set For Clarke

A new endowed scholarship fund has been established at Clarke College recently by Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Fair of Louisville who have given to the College 100 shares of General Motors stock for this fund.

The value of the stock at the time it was given was approximately \$7,000 and it earns an income of about \$400 per year.

Only the income will be used and the principal of the fund will be kept intact. Mr. and Mrs. Fair will supplement the fund's earnings to assure an annual award of \$500.

Mr. Fair, a prominent merchant and industrialist, is now President of Inter - City Savings and Loan Association, a director in the Grenada Banking System and has many other large business interests.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Fair have been Sunday School teachers in the First Baptist Church of Louisville and active leaders in other phases of their church's extensive ministry.

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Devotional

Why Shouldn't Christians Suffer?

Scripture: Job 38:1-7
By Allen F. Harrod, Pastor
Trinity Church, Vicksburg

Most of us approach the problem of suffering with the question, "Why do we as Christians suffer?" and if we begin at that point, it is a problem but not a problem with God—a problem to us.

Perhaps, if we were to meet this question honestly we would ask, "Why shouldn't we suffer?" Now, not many people enjoy pain of any kind—pain of the heart, pain of the mind, pain of the body, pain of spirit—but what right do we hold not to have it?

Instead of giving an apology for God we need to look at man. The Bible enters these matters that trouble us from a different door than the one from which we often approach them. It begins with the Sovereignty of God and ends abruptly with the sinfulness of man. Of course, that's why it is. Where did we ever get the idea that a plain above all their troubles, trials and temptations? That is what we call utilitarian religion—religion has uses God—makes Him a utility.

A few years ago, a book appeared on the market with an intriguing title, *The Blood of the Lamb*. Only the lamb wasn't the Christ of the Christian faith. The book wasn't a religious book. The lamb was the author's daughter who died sometime before with leukemia. Now this is particularly shocking since the title is taken from the book of Revelation which speaks of God's slain lamb who died for our sins. What is more shocking than that is the fact that the author's book never came to that truth.

Whenever you become involved in the question of why the righteous suffer just turn to Isaiah 53:3-6. Let's take a careful look at these verses in closing:

"He is despised and rejected of men; and a man of sorrows; acquainted with grief; and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

No suffering can ever be understood if we don't realize that the greatest mystery of life is not our suffering but God's at Calvary.

Graham Visits Woman, 80; Heads For White House
OKLAHOMA CITY (BP)—Evangelist Billy Graham interrupted a busy schedule here to pay a surprise visit to an 80-year-old woman in Oklahoma City's Dallas Nursing Home.

At first, Mrs. Nellie Muters was speechless when the famed evangelist walked into the room, took her by the hand, and said: "I'm Billy Graham, and I've come to visit you."

But when she got over the initial shock of the unexpected visit, Mrs. Muters could hardly stop talking. She's probably still talking about the surprise visit from the second most admired man in the nation.

Graham agreed to visit the woman after her daughter had called former Southern Baptist Convention President Herschel Hobbs after hearing Graham was to be in town for a rally.

The daughter told Hobbs, pastor of First Baptist Church here, it would mean a lot to her mother if Graham could just stop by the nursing home and visit the partially paralyzed woman.

Graham had a busy schedule, but he took time to go by and have prayer with the lady. He had been in Dallas that morning, held a press conference in Oklahoma City that afternoon and dropped by the nursing home on the way to speak at a rally that evening.

That night he drove to Tulsa to catch a plane to New York for television appearances, and planned to go to Washington for the weekend.



Former Mississippians

THE NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP elected Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, as its chairman, and L. Venchael Booth of Cincinnati, executive secretary of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, as vice chairman. In major business, the fellowship voted to encourage the chief administrative group (general council, executive committee, etc.) of each convention to meet during the same week in a common location during 1972 or 1974 with some joint and separate sessions. (BP) photo by C. E. Bryant. (Both men are former Mississippians.)

"Noise" Prompts Study Of N. C. Headquarters

RALEIGH, N. C. (BP)—The General Board of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina has authorized a study of the adequacy of its convention office facilities, citing "a terrific noise" and a "very difficult parking problem" at the Baptist building here.

The recommendation also asked the special long-range planning committee to study the "present and future need for more (office) space."

The four-story building, located at 301 Hillsborough Street, was completed in 1957 and is located on the business routes of U.S. Highways 70 and 1, considered one of the busiest thoroughfares in North Carolina, according to convention officials.

In other actions, the General Board gave permission to the North Carolina Homes for the Aging in Winston-Salem, N. C., to accept Medicaid for needy residents who require nursing care, and authorized a \$6 million fund campaign for Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

Off The Record

A woman returned a smart pair of shoes to the exclusive shop where she had purchased them. "They won't do," she announced. "I simply cannot walk in them."

"Madam," the clerk replied, "people who have to walk don't shop here."

Mother: "Do you know what happens to little girls who tell lies?"

Small Betty: "Yes, they grow up and tell their little girls they'll get curly hair if they eat their spinach."

A new five-and-ten-cent store had been opened by a man named Cohen. A woman went in one day and selected a toy for which she handed the proprietor a dime.

"Excuse, lady," said Cohen, "but these toys are fifteen cents."

"But I thought this was a five-and-ten-cent store," protested the customer.

"Vell, I leave it to you," came the reply. "How much is five and ten cents?"

A saintly looking old fellow was running to catch his bus.

Just as he appeared to be winning the race, the bus driver, with a fiendish smirk, pulled away from the curb and the wheels splashed a shower of muddy water over the old man.

Softly, this kindly one murmured, "May his soul find peace." Still more softly he added, "And the sooner the better."

The anxious lady traveler kept pestering the information clerk at the railroad station with inane questions. Finally, she asked, "Can I get aboard the 'Super Chief' before it starts?"

"Madam," he replied resignedly, "you'll have to!"

First Business Man: "Since I have my new car, I don't have to walk to the bank to make my deposits."

Second Business Man: "Now you drive over, eh?"

First Business Man: "No. I just don't make any."

Jennie (at soda fountain): "I want a triple banana split with a lot of whipped cream, marshmallow and nuts on top."

Margie: "Would you like a cherry on top, too?"

Jennie: "No, I'm on a diet."



North Corinth Observes Baptist Men's Day

NORTH CORINTH CHURCH, (Alcorn) observed Baptist Men's Day Sunday, January 25. The men and older boys of the church filled the choir, served as ushers, and led the church in worshipping on Sunday morning and night. Eight of the men spoke, four at each service. Those speaking were: Leon Vandiver, Willard Whitaker, Truman Dawson, R. C. Rhoads, Delphus Essary, B. W. Alexander, W. C. Essary, and Robert Burcham, Jr. Leo Cobb is music director, H. L. Denton, pianist, and Truman Dawson, organist. Above is a picture of many of the men and older boys who participated in the Men's Day service. Rev. Jimmy Carl Bryant is pastor.



Springfield Observes Baptist Men's Day

ON FEBRUARY 1 the Brotherhood of Springfield Church, Scott County, observed annual Baptist Men's Day. The men of the church led in every activity of the service. First row, l-r: Woodrow Rushing, spoke at the evening worship service; Odel Winstead, spoke at the morning worship service; Spurgeon Cooper, directed the choir and led the congregational singing. 2nd row, l-r: Marshal Beard, Virgil Knight, Ralph Winstead, Prentiss Cooper, 3rd row, l-r: Herbert Cooper, Clayton Young, Johnnie Lee Cooper, Luther, W. P. Cooper. Rev. Ed Onley is pastor.

Bolivian Musical Team Appearing in U. S.

LA HABRA, Calif. (EP)—Five young men with guitars and a drum are traveling throughout the U. S., playing and singing under the auspices of the Andes Evangelical Mission, according to Ron Wiebe of the mission's Pacific Coast Council here.

"The Andinos" present a cultural program first and finish with gospel music and personal testimonies.

Bolin Joins BSSB

NASHVILLE (BP) — Gene Bolin, director, department of student work, Oregon-Washington Baptist Convention, has been named consultant for new work development for the student department of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

It will be the second time that Bolin has joined the staff of the student department of the Sunday School Board.

Names In The News

Memorial Ordains Pastor

The new pastor of Memorial Church of Perry County, Rev. Robert E. Mack, native of Laurel, was ordained Sunday, Feb. 15, at 3 p. m. The service was held at Memorial, with Rev. Charles Williams of Central Church, Hattiesburg, as moderator. Rev. John Foy, Sr., of Laurel, preached the ordination sermon and Rev. Gerald James, of Gulfport, presented the charges.



Ernest Lynn Hastey, son of Rev. and Mrs. Ervin E. Hastey, missionaries to Mexico, was married to Donna Lou Hayner on Jan. 31 in Shawnee, Okla.

Dr. William W. Stevens, professor of religion at Mississippi College, represented Mississippi alumni of Southern Seminary at the annual meeting of the National Alumni Advisory Council on the seminary campus in Louisville, Ky. January 22. At the meeting, 17 state alumni presidents set a \$50,000 goal for the 1970 Alumni Fund, to be underwritten by the seminary's 10,000 former students. Mississippi has 251 Southern alumni, and a goal of \$1,391.25 for the fund, Stevens reported. Money raised will help provide

mission - work scholarships for seminary students involved in inner-city, prison and weekday ministries. The mission projects will be supervised by Dr. G. Willis Bennett, director of field education at the Louisville seminary. Other officers of the Southern Seminary alumni group in the state are: Rev. Lucius Marlon, pastor of Clarksdale Church in Clarksdale, president-elect; and Charles Conley of Sardis, secretary.

Dr. Landrum Leavell, formerly pastor in Mississippi, is evangelist for a revival February 15-22 at First Church, Downtown Lake Charles, La. Dr. Leavell is pastor of First Church, Wichita Falls, Texas.

Miss Sandi Brown, a graduate of Mississippi College with Honors, and New Orleans Seminary, has recently taken the position of youth educational director at First Baptist Church, Canton, North Carolina. Rev. James Langford, pastor, while in seminary, Miss

Brown served at the Carrollton Presbyterian Church in the capacity of youth director. While there, the church added two new vesper groups plus Wednesday night services for the young people. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loy Brown of Summit, Mississippi.

Jack Watkins has been named special service supervisor in the book store division of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. "Watkins will be in charge of the centralized billing system and will supervise all clerical activities in the book store division of office," Keith C. Von Hagen, director, book store division, Sunday School Board, said. A native of Paragould, Ark., Watkins graduated from Burdette High School, Burdette, Ark. He also attended the University of Colorado, Boulder, to study business.

Edward Ludlow, associate professor of organ and church music at Blue Mountain College, was presented in recital on Saturday morning, February 7, by the North Mississippi Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. The recital was given on the

Geneva Organ which has just been moved from the First Methodist Church in Aberdeen, Mississippi, to the Fillmore Street United Presbyterian Church, by Harry McCord of Corinth. The recital consisted of works by Bach, Cheddit, Widor, Brohms, Bedlinsky, and Messiaen, and was followed by a short program of music for two organs given by Mrs. Peggy McCord of Rienzi and Mr. Ludlow.

Jarrell F. McCracken, president of Word, Inc., of Waco, Texas, has been named president of the Recording Industry Association of America in New York. RIAA includes all the large record companies. Its 54 member-companies account for 90 per cent of all record and pre-recorded tape business, totaling gross sales of more than \$1 billion annually. McCracken, who founded Word Records in 1951, has been active in the association for many years and served on the board and executive committee the last two years.

Rev. and Mrs. Samuel L. Simpson, missionaries who are on leave from Ecuador, may now be addressed at 706 Aspen Road, Starkville, Miss. 39750. Both are natives of Mississippi. Simpson was born in Benton County and grew up near Blue Mountain. Mrs. Simpson is the former Sue Kelley of Tupelo.

Rev. J. T. Williams has accepted the pastorate of Leonia Baptist Church, Leonia, Florida 32464, having moved there from Liberty Baptist Mission where he had served for two and one-half years. Formerly members of West End Church, West Point, Miss., Mr. and Mrs. Williams attended Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Florida 1963-67. Now living on the field, they invite Mississippi friends to visit them when in that part of Florida.

James Steve (Jim) Young has accepted a position at First Church, Ellisville, as minister of music, education, and youth. A native of Batesville, he is married to the former Mary Frances Ouzts of Augusta, Ga., and they are the parents of three daughters, Donna, 6, Digne, 5 and Denise, 2. He attended Northwest Junior College and Delta State College. He goes to Ellisville from Drew Church, where he has been minister of music and youth. Rev. W. C. Burns is pastor at Ellisville.

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